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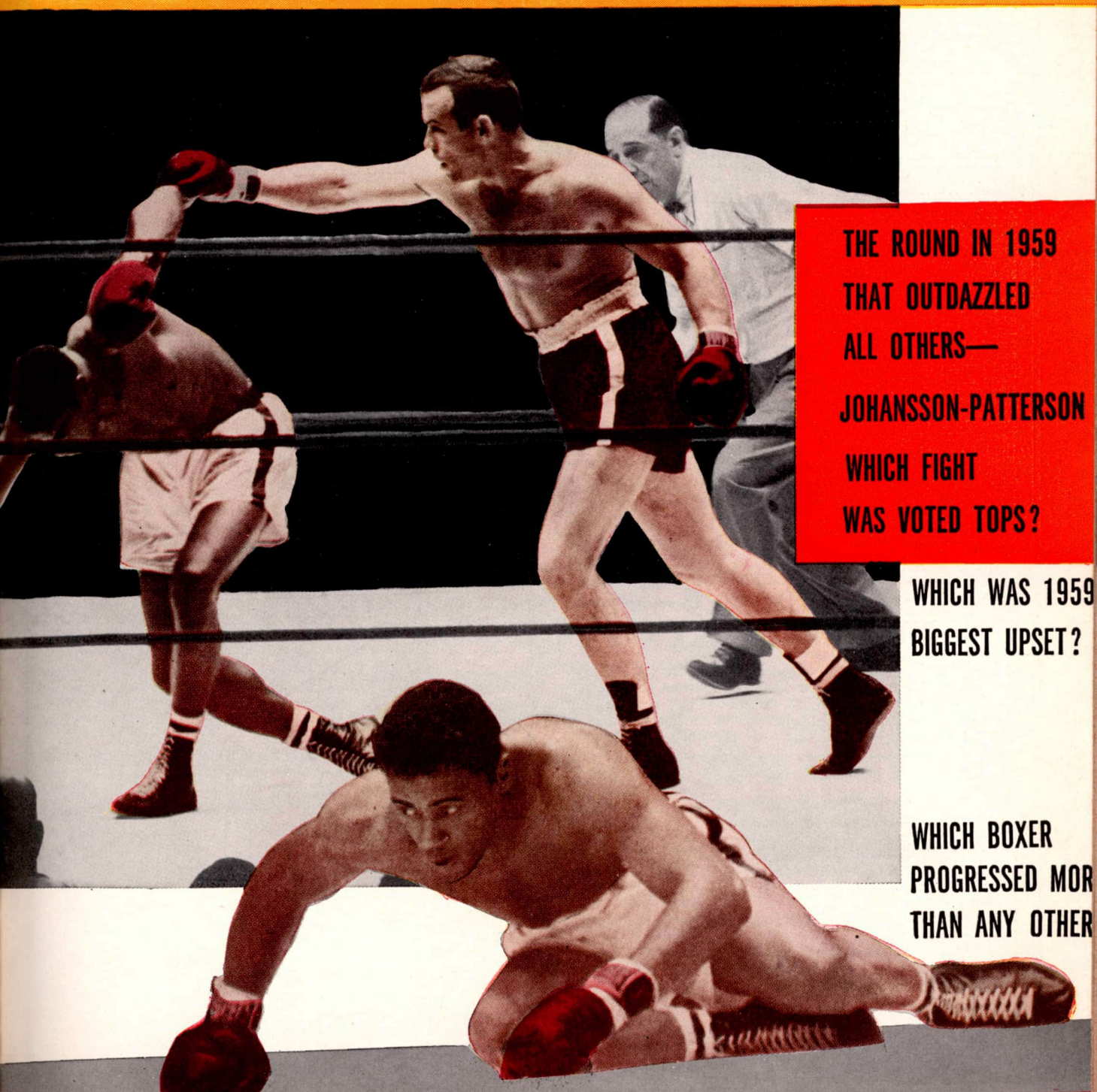

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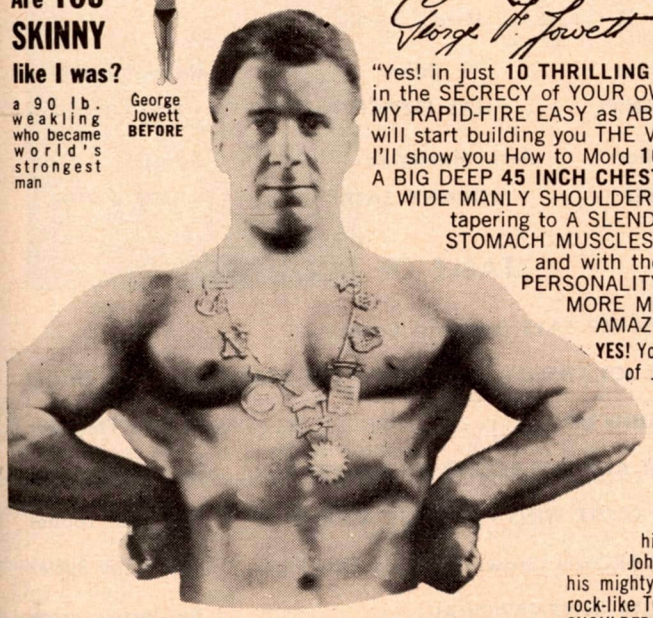

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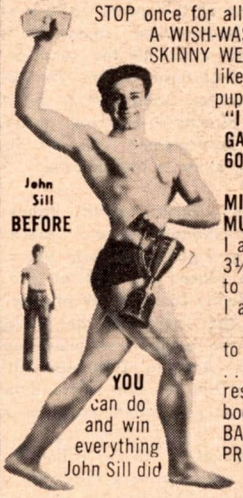

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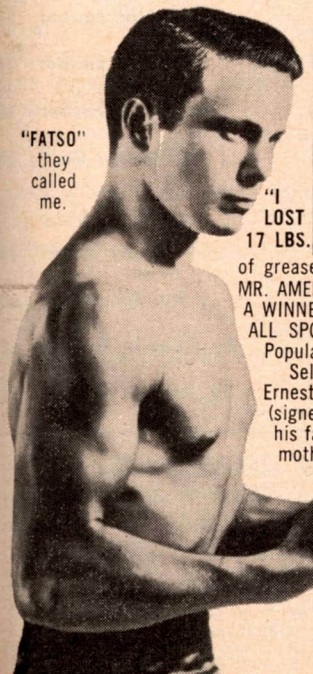

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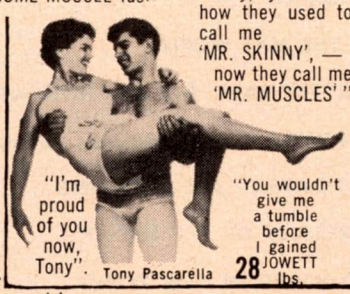

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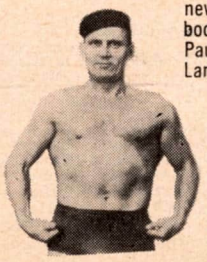

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Does Johansson Intend To Fight? It's a question all the sports world is asking as the heavyweight champion frolics round the world to the tune of gay times and glittering lights. Dan Daniel cuts in on Mr. Johansson to point the question directly at him and receives revealing, eye-opening answers in his absorbing story in March issue.

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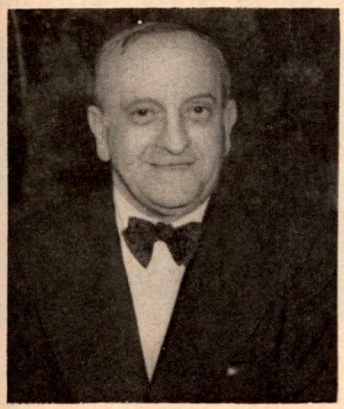

NAT FLEISCHER

Says

AT long last, the New York Boxing Commission, General Melvin Krulewitch chairman, has announced its decisions on Cus D'Amato, manager of Floyd Patterson, and William Rosensohn, former chief of the Rosensohn Enterprises, promoter of record of the fight in which Ingemar Johansson wrested the world heavyweight championship from Patterson.

The Commission has taken from D'Amato his licenses as manager and second insofar as the jurisdiction of that body is concerned. He is barred for life.

Rosensohn has been suspended for three years and that conceivably means he is finished with boxing and will offer his talents to some other sport.

What then, is the situation which confronts us respecting a return fight between the Swede and Floyd?

Does the action of the Commission invalidate the contract between Johansson and the Rosensohn Enterprises for a return match? Johansson and his advisor, Edwin Ahlquist, think so, but Patterson's lawyers don't.

Is there any strong prospect of that fight taking place in 1960, and if so, will it be held in New York? Ahlquist says it will be held at the Yankee Stadium and that Patterson will be given the opportunity to regain the crown.

Patterson says he is eager—as he certainly has to be—to fight Ingemar again, even in New York, without D'Amato in his corner.

Now Floyd, as the beaten champion, is the supplicant. Johansson is in the driver's seat. His is the privilege of saying whether he meets Patterson or Archie Moore, when and where. He says if Patterson doesn't accept his terms, Moore will be Ingemar's next opponent.

It is the belief of The Ring Magazine that Johansson and Patterson will meet in New York, under fresh promotion which will not be forced to bow under the weight of the revelations before the New York Commission and the New York County Grand Jury regarding the promotion of the fight in which Ingemar gained the title.

There is a responsible capitalist who is not a professional promoter who would take the fight to Los Angeles, "far from the origins of all the besmirching stuff we have read in the papers." That is a statement from Ahlquist made in an interview in Sweden.

However, the spot for the fight still is New York. The one factor which could force transfer to Los Angeles is a protracted court action by the Velella interests now in control of the Rosensohn Enterprises. He insists that no fight will take place without him being in on the promotion as owner of the Johansson-Patterson return contract.

Boxing needs that second fight very badly. Boxing needs early action by the heavyweight champion.

In the meantime, with the former "holy crusader" D'Amato out of the picture in New York, we find that boxing in the metropolis has run through a searing and withering fever.

The patient still is shaky. But he is bound to make a wholesome recovery. Boxing will be all the stronger for the fever and its general results.

I could quote pages and pages from the official decision of the New York Commission. But to what purpose? D'Amato is through. He asked for it and he got it.

Let's forget all about Cus and his associates, and look ahead to the recovery of the sport in New York, and rehabilitation of heavyweight championship competition. Boxing needs a new deal and the action of the New York Commission looks like the beginning.

Frankie Carbo in jail, D'Amato is barred, the revised picture is most encouraging. The wholesale investigations have brought before the public conditions that those close to boxing have known to exist but which have been tolerated by boxing commissions. Perhaps now, with the threat of a Senate investigation hanging over the sport, those who by law rule boxing in our country will be more on the alert to prevent a repetition of the sordid goings-on that have come so close to shelving professional boxing as a national entertainment.

While Cus D'Amato expressed "shock and utter dismay" at the New York Commission's action in revoking his license, those who have closely followed the hearings following the Patterson-Johansson title bout are in accord with the Commission's action. Fortunately for boxing, the bout itself has never been attacked. It was an honest, fairly fought battle between gentlemen whose sole aim was to win. Pity that Patterson has suffered through the machinations of those in control of the promotion.

Cus D'Amato broke Jim Norris' grip on boxing. He was responsible for the break-up of the International Boxing Club and the loss of its greatest asset—the heavyweight championship control.

But what he did was to set up a dummy organization of his own to replace Norris and that eventually led to his downfall. That the New York Commission and those in other parts of the country didn't see fit to curb him until belated revelations forced the recent investigations, is a matter of record. But as the old saying goes: "Better late than never."

By DAN DANIEL

As Runner Ups To Ingemar Johansson as The Ring's Fighter Of The Year were-2: Gene Fullmer, 3: Pascual Perez, 4: Davey Moore, and 5: Archie Moore

FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Gene Fullmer, flashing his victory smile after winning the NBA middleweight title from Carmen Basilo by a knockout in fourteen rounds

INGEMAR Johansson, of Sweden, heavyweight champion of the world, is The Ring Magazine's repeat choice as the Fighter of the Year.

In achieving this top distinction in world boxing for the second consecutive year, Johansson matches the feats of Rocky Marciano, named in 1954 and 1955, Ezzard Charles, in 1949 and 1950, and Joe Louis, in 1938 and 1939.

Ingemar now faces the chance to gain the No. 1 accolade for a third time, not consecutively, an accomplishment which stands to the credit of Marciano, and go on to the super-feat of landing the ward four times, attained by Louis, who was honored in 1936 and 1941, before and after his two straight.

The Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year Award was originated in 1928, an outgrowth of annual ratings, which this magazine originated in 1926.

The citation has been given annually with only one break. In 1933, The Ring Magazine staff and its correspondents the world over failed to reach an agreement. They certainly could not make dethroned Jack Sharkey a repeater. Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri, double choices in 1934, had not yet come up to the point at which they deserved the international award.

Primo Carnera stopped Sharkey in six rounds in 1933, but the Italian's victory was not widely applauded.

Johansson is only the second foreign boxer to land the Ring Magazine's No. 1 prize of world boxing. The first non-American to get the award was Germany's Max Schmeling in 1930.

Johansson is the tenth heavyweight to win the big citation, the others having been Gene Tunney, who got the first Fighter of the Year designation in 1928, Tommy Loughran, the 1929 choice, Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Louis, Billy Conn, Charles, Marciano and Floyd Patterson.

Regulations Which Govern The Ring's Award

This is as good a spot as any to explain that The Ring Magazine sometimes has passed up a man who, on fistic prowess alone, has appeared to qualify for its Fighter of the Year award. The reasons may be found in these regulations which have governed the award since it was set up in 1928:

1—The recipient of the Fighter of the Year prize and Ring Magazine' Merit Award must be foremost in his contribution to the skill and to the science of boxing. He need not be a champion.

2—The Fighter of the Year must combine with his high place in the ranking of boxers a similarly high position as a sportsman.

3—The Fighter of the Year must associate with his abilities as a boxer good public relations, and a reputation for clean and moral living.

4—The Fighter of the Year must be recognized as an example to the Growing American Boy.

As will be noted, there is no rule which prevents any boxer from winning the citation a second or even a third time.

INGEMAR JOHANSSON

The Ring Magazine presents Johansson as the 1959 Fighter of the Year with the confidence that the choice cannot possibly be disputed.

One year ago, when this publication announced the Swedish boxer as its Fighter of the Year, there was quite a brouhah.

The Boxing Writers of New York, who picked Archie Moore, disputed the selection of Johansson, who at the time was just one of the contenders for the heavyweight championship.

Now, with Johansson its pick for the second consecutive year, The Ring Magazine is more confident than ever that it named the right man for 1958.

Johansson has been selected as the 1959 Fighter of the Year on the basis of one big achievement, his knockout victory over Patterson in the third round in Yankee Stadium on Friday night, June 26.

The end of this contest came in 2:03 of the third heat when a terrific right persuaded referee Ruby Goldstein that to let Patterson continue might jeopardize his very life.

Seven times did Johansson drop Patterson, a 5 to 1 favorite in the betting. The battler from whom the Swede took the title scarcely bore any resemblance to the Patterson who had knocked out Moore to gain the heavyweight championship after Marciano had retired undefeated.

Those who saw Johansson win the championship

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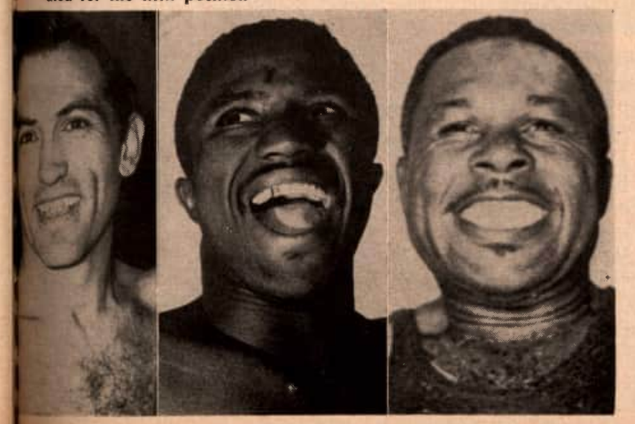
Left to right: Pascual Perez, world flyweight champ, number three in Fighter of Year voting; Davey Moore, featherweight champ, number four man; and Archie Moore, light heavyweight title holder, nominated for the fifth position



"THE RING'S" FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

1928—Gene Tunney
1929—Tommy Loughran
1930—Max Schmeling
1931—Tommy Loughran
1932—Jack Sharkey
1933—No Award
1934—Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri
1935—Barney Ross
1936—Joe Louis
1937—Henry Armstrong
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1940—Billy Conn
1941—Joe Louis
1942—Ray Robinson
1943—Fred Apostoli
1944—Beau Jack
1945—Willie Pep
1946—Tony Zale
1947—Gus Lesnevich
1948—Ike Williams
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1956—Floyd Patterson
1957—Carmine Basilio
1958—Ingemar Johansson
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1959 ROUNDUP

Cus D'Amato manager of ex heavyweight champion of the world, Floyd Patterson (left) with his attorney Edwin Schweig, seen appearing before the New York State Athletic Commission. Outcome of investigation was the revocation of D'Amato's managerial license

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By
NAT FLEISCHER

BOXING as an international sport suffered heavily in 1959 due to an East-West investigation, by New York State on the Atlantic border and California on the Pacific Coast. And now as we enter a new year, Senator Kefauver and his Rackets Committee in the U. S. Senate will continue where the others left off—hearings that may eventually lead to Federal control.

Indictments of top figures, the revocation of the licenses of Cus D'Amato and the Rosensohn Enterprises and the suspension of the licenses of several "undercover managers", along with public demand through the voice of national newspapers for a clean-up of professional pugilism, placed the sport in jeopardy. The various investigations followed the dissolution of the International Boxing Club following the conviction of its officers in the Government's Anti-Trust case and the mess created by the promoters of the Patterson-Johansson bout.

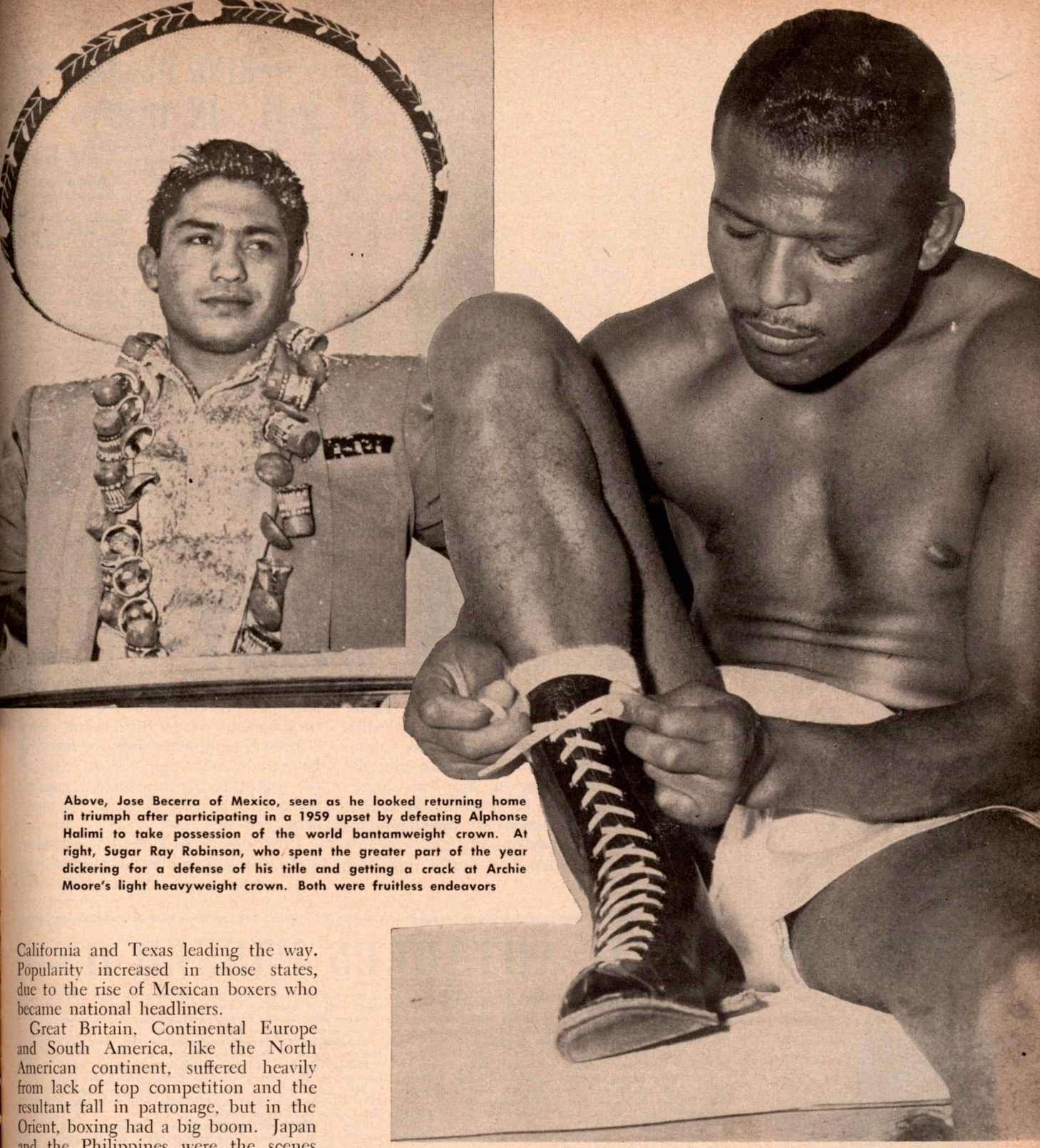
What the future holds is based on the coming Senate investigations in Washington. The recommendations of the Rackets Committee will have considerable bearing on that.

With the break-up of the Norris monopoly and his severance from the Madison Square Garden Corporation came the formation of two major clubs operating separately—the Garden Boxing Club, with headquarters in New York and the National Boxing Enterprises Inc., with its headquarters in the Chicago Stadium. Two of the oldest clubs in the country, the St. Nicholas of New York and the American Legion Arena in Los Angeles, discontinued boxing, thus adding to the headaches of promoters who depended on these for the development of new talent.

Another famous arena that closed its doors was the Palais des Sports in Paris after half a century of notable sports promotions. Its last show, with world bantamweight champion Alphonse Halimi as the headliner, gave it a fitting finale.

The year was one of low attendances and low receipts with the replacement of New York as the world boxing center by Los Angeles, California.

While New York suffered in prestige through the heavy drop in promotions and receipts, there was an upsurge in other parts of America, with



Above, Jose Becerra of Mexico, seen as he looked returning home in triumph after participating in a 1959 upset by defeating Alphonse Halimi to take possession of the world bantamweight crown. At right, Sugar Ray Robinson, who spent the greater part of the year dickering for a defense of his title and getting a crack at Archie Moore's light heavyweight crown. Both were fruitless endeavors

California and Texas leading the way. Popularity increased in those states, due to the rise of Mexican boxers who became national headliners.

Great Britain, Continental Europe and South America, like the North American continent, suffered heavily from lack of top competition and the resultant fall in patronage, but in the Orient, boxing had a big boom. Japan and the Philippines were the scenes of many oustanding international bouts, among them world and Far Eastern title matches and the attendances indicated the extent to which the game has flourished since the last war.

Whereas New York State, once the greatest boxing center, often failed to hold more than one or two fights a month, especially from May through the opening of the Fall season, in Tokyo alone, professional fights were staged almost every day of the week with amateur competition on Saturdays and Sundays. In Thailand, likewise, boxing took a big upswing through the development of top attractions in the lower divisions.

New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Michigan, hitherto prominent boxing spots, experienced their worst year in many moons. The Norris organization in Chicago, with its Wednesday night TV sponsorship, often had attendances of less than 1000 in an arena that in its heyday would cater to 18,000, but Madison Square Garden, the Friday night outlet for televised fights, after suffering similarly during the early part of the year, regained patronage by a shift of policy in which Latin-Americans received attention. It's fights gained far more popular approval than did its rival club in Chicago due to better competition with more evenly matched opponents.

Activity in Australia and New Zealand fell to a new low as was the case in France, but the emigration of top boxers from Italy makes the future look bright Down Under. The immigrants are instilling new life into the game and are being featured on most programs.

Our country lost its most precious

Teddy Brenner took over the reins as matchmaker for Madison Square Garden during the past year and has been performing his duties in a very capable fashion despite roadblocks strewn in his path

crown when Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson in the third round at the Yankee Stadium after flooring the title holder seven times. Patterson had previously successfully defended the championship against Brian London of England, whom he halted in the eleventh round at Indianapolis. It was those contests, due to the machinations of Patterson's manager, that made boxing scandals an international headline, front page sensational reading matter.

Though Ray Robinson was shorn of his world middleweight crown by the National Boxing Association and Fullmer, following his triumph over Basilio in Gene's best performance of his career, was named his successor, Massachusetts and New York State agreed with The Ring that Sugar Ray could not be deprived of his crown despite his long inactivity. As the new year gets under way, Robinson is matched to defend the world championship against Paul Pender of Boston.

The largest attendance at any match in the U. S. was at the Johansson-Patterson show with 18,215 persons paying $470,712.25 and ringside seats, for the first time since the second Billy Conn-Joe Louis contest, selling at $100.

After nineteen years of ring activity in which he set several records, Willie Pep, at 36, former world featherweight king, hung up his gloves to enter business. Other retirements were those of Yvon Durelle, British Empire light heavyweight champion who twice failed in bids against Archie Moore; Al Andrews, St. Paul, Minn. middleweight, a popular TV performer; Gil Turner of Philadelphia, a welter often seen on television, who had failed in a bid for the welter crown in a fight with Kid Gavilan; Johnny Gonsalves, flashy Oakland, California lightweight who, for a long time up to his retirement, was a rated boxer; Joey Rowan, colorful Philadelphia heavyweight and Ron Barton, light heavyweight of England.

Among the champions, Pascual Perez of Argentina; Don Jordan of St. Louis and Floyd Patterson of Rockville Center, New York, each defended his crown twice. Joe Brown defended his lightweight title three times.

Perez made his eighth and ninth title defense, both in Japan where he defeated Kenji Yonekura in 15 rounds in Tokyo then stopped Sadao Yaoita in Osaka in the thirteenth round after having lost a non-title bout to Yaoita. Though his record shows only nine defenses, in reality he has had eleven, since two fights are listed by the Argentinian Commisison as non-championship matches, despite the fact that both he and his opponent scaled only 107 pounds.

RING DEATHS IN 1959

Lynn Davis, veteran of three years amateur boxing, died after a second round knockout in Houston, Texas.

Horacio Salatan, died in Manila after being knocked out by Ben Ferrer in the ninth round of a pro bout.

17 year old Golden Glover, Layman Gravely of Martinsville, Va., died after being floored in second round by George Ford in a State Amateur title tourney.

Texas A and M sophomore, Curtis Raymond Lyons, 19, passed into a coma following his college contest with Fred White in the Sam Houston State gymnasium and died in a Houston hospital.

Leslie High, 19, after being knocked out in an amateur contest with welterweight Keith Ross, staggered to his corner and died after a second round kayo.

Walter Ingram, 25, a pro boxer from Houston, Texas, died in a Guadalajara Hospital, Mexico, following injuries received in his bout with world bantam king Jose Becerra in a non-title affair, from a blood clot.

Duo John Stickel, a member of the Wahpeton School of Science amateur team, 21 died following a knockdown in the school gym competition.

Mahamed Ali Bin Baker, 23, a Private in the British Army died following a bout in a service tournament in Singapore, Malaya.

John Jardine Kean, 18, a member of the British Royal Air Force died following the completion of an amateur bout in which he won the decision at Romford, England.

Patterson first defended the heavyweight title against Brian London whom he knocked out in 51 seconds of the eleventh round in Indianapolis, and then lost the throne in New York to Johansson via a third round kayo.

Brown outpointed Johnny Busso in 15 rounds, and stopped Paola Rosi in the ninth. In his third defense, against Dave Charnley of England, he again won.

Don Jordan outpointed Virgil Akins in 15 rounds to retain his throne, then

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Victor McLaglen, a world famous screenland figure and ex professional boxer passed away

FISTIC NOTABLES PASSED ON

Fistic notables who passed into the Great Beyond in 1959, included Max Baer, Victor McLaglen, Bob Moha, Baby Joe Gans, George Sonny Horne, George Gunther, Eddie Shevlin, One Round Hogan and Morrie Schlaifer. Here is the 1959 necrology:

Fred Dowling, 62, died in New York. He was identified with pro boxing for many years.

Mrs. Molly Burns, who as Polly Fairclough, toured Britain and Ireland as "world woman boxing champion", passed away in Dublin at the age of 77.

Johnny Mack, 52, former lightweight boxer died in Hartford, Conn.

Morrie Schlaifer, former welterweight contender, died at 57, in Omaha, Neb.

Dominic Ferrone, 65, long time promoter died in Holyoke, Mass.

Dick Loadman, 65, top bantamweight boxer from 1918 to 1928, died at Homstead, Pa.

Eddie Shevlin, 65, welterweight boxer and former boxing coach at Dartmouth, died in Boston, Mass.

Marty Summers, welterweight boxer of the thirties, died in New York City.

Artie Schwartz, 63, long time New York State boxing judge, died in New York City.

Shamus O'Brien, 69, top flight 130 pounder of the World War One era, died in New York City.

George Ellin, 73, one time bantamweight boxer and later trainer and manager.

Earle Kalani, 59, promoter for many years in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Baby Joe Gans, 58, former lightweight contender, died in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Jack (One-Round) Hogan, top lightweight of the 1905-15 era, died in San Francisco, Calif.

Kildo Martinez, 28, Mexican featherweight, was killed in an air crash in Hemersillo, Sonora, Mexico.

Mrs. Lillie (Ma) Stribling 72, mother and manager of Young Stribling, died at Miami, Fla.

Benny Becker, 58, former lightweight boxer and promoter, died in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tom Flanigan, 82, one time manager of Jack Johnson, died in Toronto, Canada.

Harry Harris, 78, former bantamweight champion of the world, died in New York City.

Bob Mucha, 70, former top middleweight who used the ring name of Bob Moha died in Milwaukee, Wisc.

George Gunther, 87, top middleweight of the early quarter of the century, died in Cedar Grove, N. J.

Billy Cavanagh, 73, who boxed under the name of Billy Glover and later was boxing coach at West Point, died in Central Valley, N. Y.

Riley H. (Will Bill) McDowell, 44, popular middleweight of the thirties and forties, died in Houston, Texas. During his career he fought more than 400 fights.

George (Sonny) Horne, 35, top middleweight of the forties, died in Youngstown, Ohio after a long illness.

Albert Lloyd, 67, former Australian heavyweight champion, died in Melbourne.

Tony Cancela, 50, former top middleweight boxer and later a promoter, died in Tampa, Fla.

Lou Jaffe, 65, for many years top boxing writer of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, died in Phoenix, Arizona.

Victor McLaglen, 72, top movie actor and one time heavyweight boxer who fought Jack Johnson, died in Hollywood, Calif.

Max Baer, 50, former heavyweight champion of the world, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles, Calif.

Cecil Payne, 53, former top featherweight contender who fought from 1923 to 1937 died in Louisville, Ky.

Jesse Turner, 29, middleweight who fought Floyd Patterson, Bobo Olson and Tiger Jones died in St. Louis, Mo.

Tony Canzoneri, 51, Member of Boxing's "Hall of Fame" and former featherweight and Lightweight champion died in New York City, N. Y.

By JOHNNY SALAK

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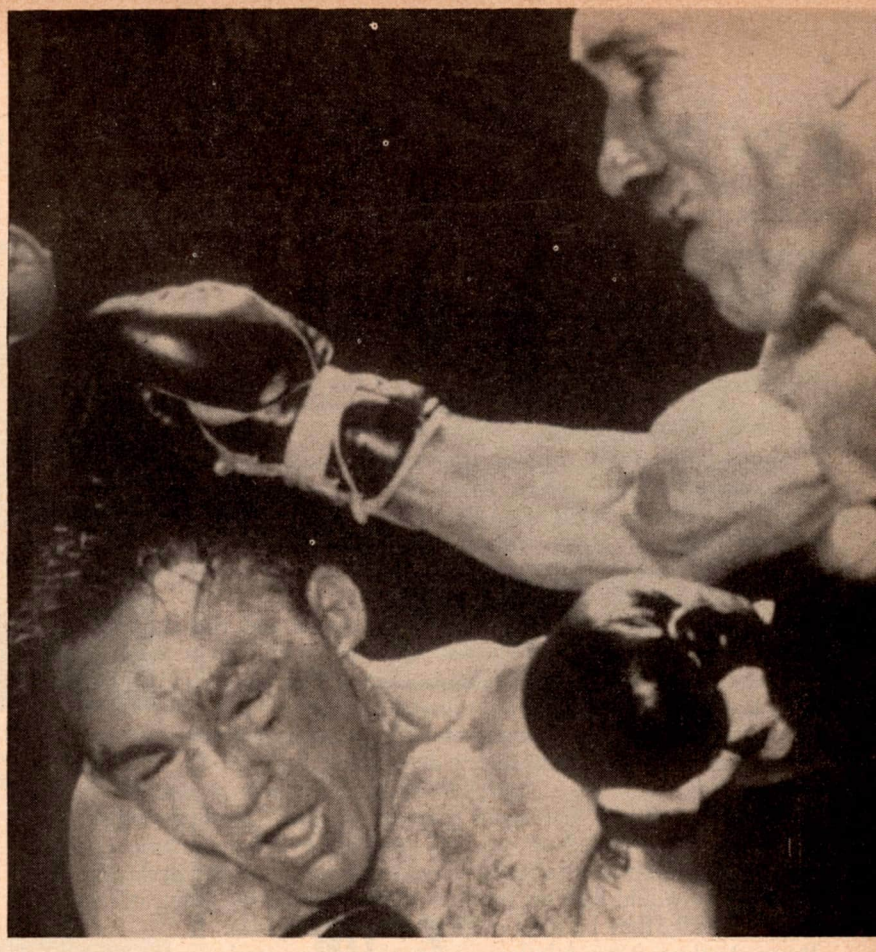
FIGHT OF THE YEAR



IF you have ever seen husky Gene Fullmer before—or after—his fight with Carmen Basilio you wouldn't have believed it. If it was the only fight of Fullmer's you had ever witnessed you would have come away convinced that here stood one of the crispest punching, shrewdest ring tacticians that ever lived. It was the Fight of the Year.

On the night of August 28, 1959, at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Fullmer and Basilio, both former world middleweight champions, met. They had been shunted into inactivity by reigning champion Sugar Ray Robinson's reluctance to fight. With the blessings of the National Boxing Association, covering some forty-eight states, they were paired and fought for title recognition.

It promised to be a rugged, bludgeoning, football brawl, enacted by bruisers whose knowledge of science was limited, if not nil. It was bloody and brutal—but with a one-sided coldly-calculating savagery that saw Fullmer transformed into a hard-hitting, straight-punching master boxer.

At the end, which came 39 seconds after the fourteenth round had begun, bruised, battered, bleeding, bewildered Basilio had been routed and his cornermen screamed at and pleaded with the referee to stop the slaughter before their man was dropped and counted out for the first time in his career. Saved from this ignonimous ending, the records still will always show a "KO by" in the scarred remains, the compilation of Basilio's encounters. He is no lesser fighter for it.

"I changed my style and we fought according to plan," said the jubiliant though bruised Fullmer in his dressing room after the title bout. *"My manager, Marv Jenson, mapped it out. I was reluctant at first but I went along."*

The strong, free-swinging, 28-year-old Mormon was a revelation in this bout. From the first round on he outboxed Carmen. Gone was the wild-swinging, reckless, hugging, mugging tactics which had been his trademark. He, this youthful mink rancher, tangling with the terrier from New York, was, comparatively speaking, a thing of beauty.

And rugged, to this moment indestructible, Basilio, who had thrilled us with so many glorious performances of raw courage and dynamic power, was the perfect foil.

Precision, so long lacking in Fullmer's make-up, was the keynote of the stirring message he carried with emphasis to Basilio. Shockingly different, granite-jawed Gene jabbed, straight and true, at the onrushing, bull-charging Basilio. Time and time again the process was repeated. Basilio rushed; cool, suddenly wise Fullmer stabbed with his left. Covering up with his unique defense which produced a maze of gloves, arms and elbows, Fullmer would block the blows of a blinking, exasperated Basilio, then fight his way out with perfectly timed, well-aimed lefts and rights.

Fullmer moved with the essential speed while Basilio, at 32 and a veteran of 75 rugged ring engagements, slowed, wilted and showed a weariness of body if not of purpose. Basilio repeatedly failed to nail his faster moving, quicker-thinking opponent. The battering-ram arms of Basilio which had levelled many an opponent seemed crucifyingly short, the authority gone from them as they waved helplessly at a clever, flitting target. Fullmer, though welted from occasional wallops, came out of the fray without serious damage.

Basilio, his features already scarred by scores of hell-fire fights, walked off with both eyes damaged and his whole face a mass of blood.

The action was fast and furious as the fighters set a whirlwind pace. It did not seem possible that they could keep this gait going for fifteen full rounds and only Basilio's strange animal-like will to continue and try to the very end allowed the battle to proceed into the fourteenth. As it was, there was almost bitterness in his voice as he decried the action which marked him a beaten man.

When Fullmer splattered Basilio's left eye in the opening minutes the course of the fight was marked—a long bloody trail of defeat with no return for Carmen. The second round saw Basilio an infuriated bull as he flailed away wildly. Fullmer would move back out of range for

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ROUND OF THE YEAR

By JOHNNY SALAK

IT was the round that changed the world of boxing. In all truth it wasn't even a round—it was just some sixty fleeting seconds of massacre, slaughter, mayhem that punished reigning world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson with startling quickness as The Swede, Ingemar Johansson, rocketed a right hand past his peekaboo defense. The barricades crumbled and were over-run. It all started and was over in one minute.

No matter how rabid a Johansson fan you were, no matter how anti-Patterson you might have been, the shocking, swift annihilation was a complete surprise. It came like a bolt from the blue, with the suddenness of a Summer storm on that muggy, rain-drenched night of June 26, 1959 at Yankee Stadium, New York.

For two rounds they sparred and pawed, toyed and taunted. A minute after the third round got under way, Johansson took command. A straight left, like a Viking's arrow, shot out and pierced the first line of defense. It was followed by a shattering strong right that exploded on the head of Patterson; one could almost see Floyd's head blast into a million pieces.

Another right crushed at the benumbed brain and the champion savagely went to the canvas. He was up at nine, his legs rocking like crazy, his eyes viewing strange fantasies out of this world. Perhaps he wanted to close with Johansson, at least to face him. If he started out in that direction he never made it. The nervous system was shattered and Patterson pranced like a demented clown in an opposing direction. Johansson gave chase, bludgeoned his man again. Floyd fainted to the canvas, and again was up at nine. Reeling, ragged, routed, how he remained no one will ever know! The rest was repetitious. Four more times Johansson was to slam him to the deck; four more times he would pull his body, disengaged from his brain, off the floor. Mercifully they halted the grotesque extravaganza.

It was startling, it was fabulous, it was thunderous and awe-inspiring.

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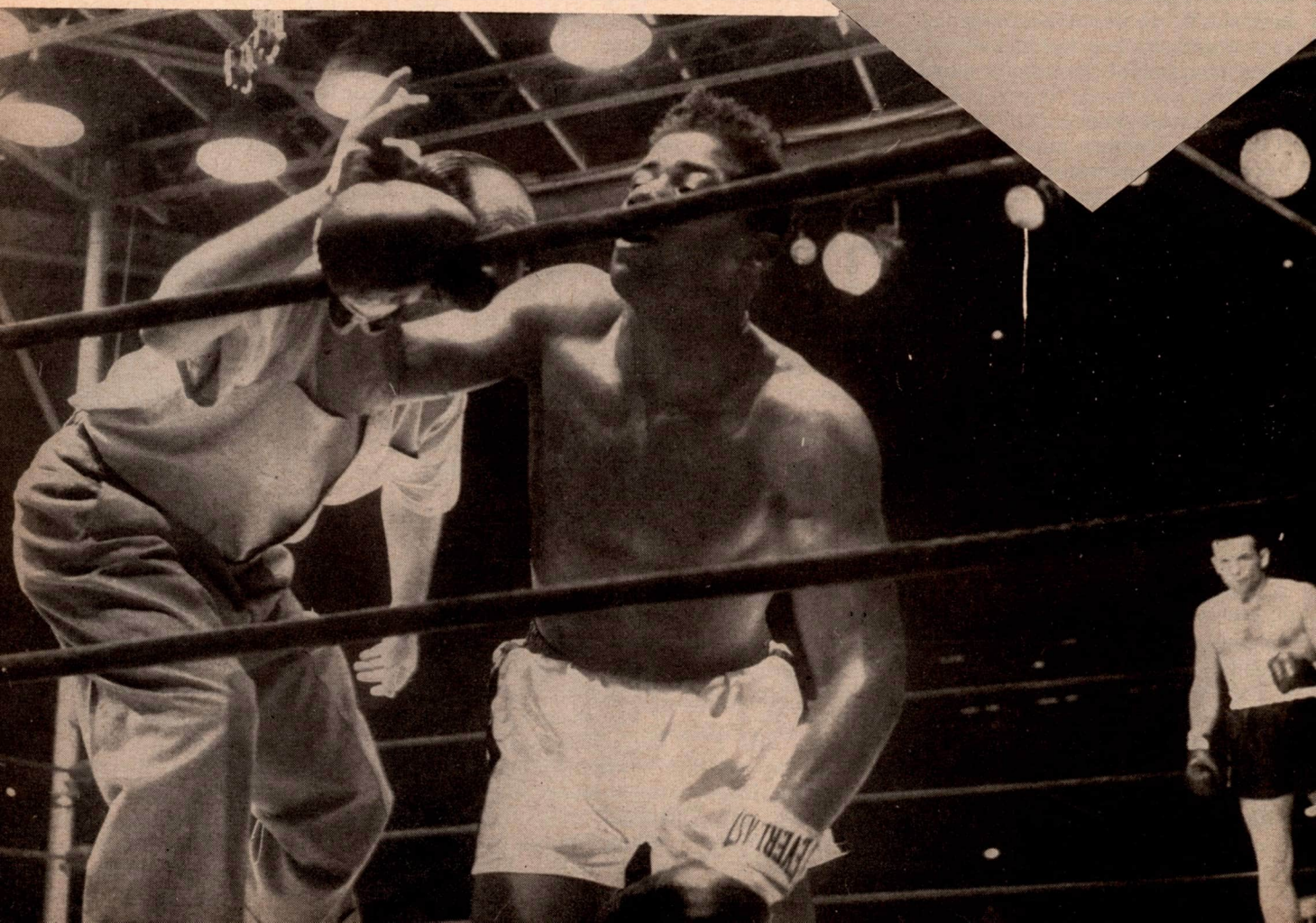

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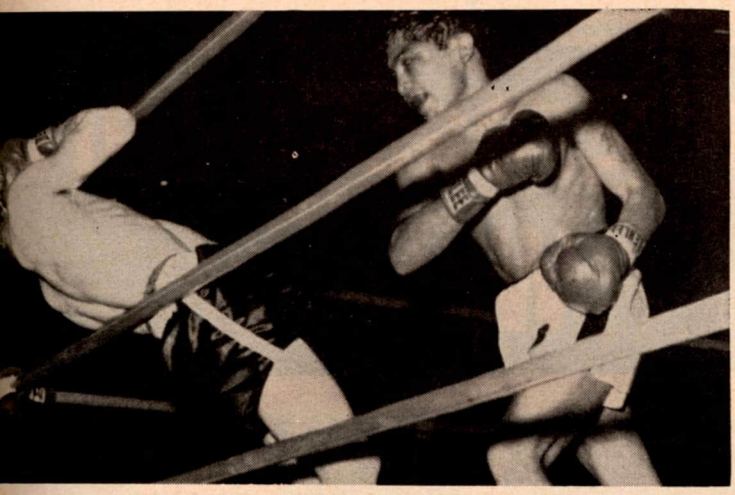

Belting Joe Becerra, (right), with a scintillating display of power punching unhinged Alphonse Halimi from the world bantamweight title, scoring an eighth round knockout in one of the most exciting fights of the year.

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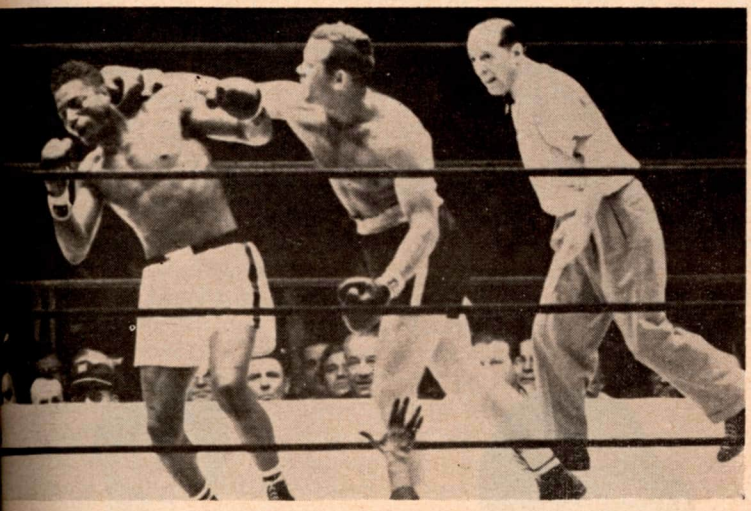

Ingemar Johansson's devastating attack on Floyd Patterson, in which he scored seven knockdowns on his way to a three round kayo, stands out as one of the great fistic moments of 1959.

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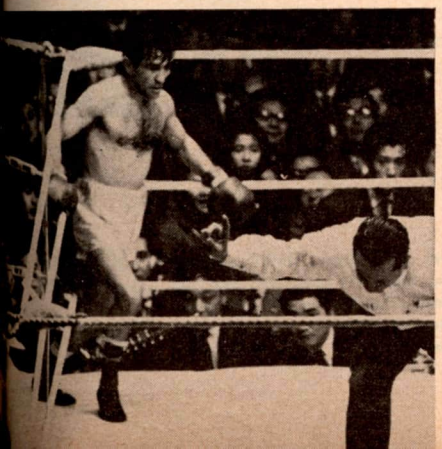

Pascual Perez, world flyweight champion, defending his title in Osaka, Japan, knocked out Sadao Yaoita in the thirteenth round. Yaoita had previously defeated Perez, pinning first loss on the champion.

ROUND OF YEAR . . .

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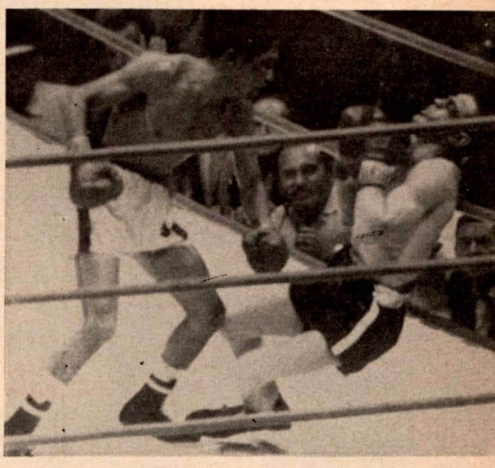

Mexico's Joe Becerra, (left), all but tore Alphonse Halimi apart in the 8th round as he dynamited the Algerian into complete defeat and won bantamweight crown.

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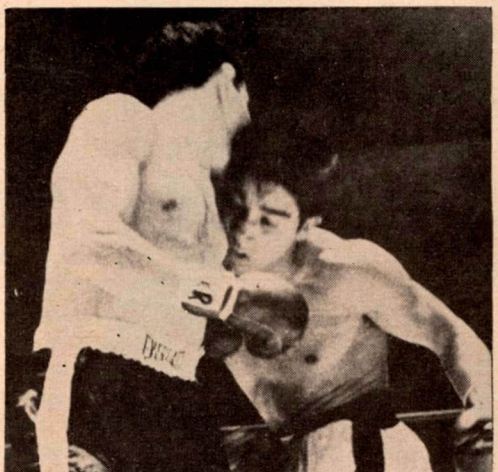

Shooting bombs from all angles Mexico's latest idol, lightweight Battling Torres (right) finished off Johnny Busso with a lightning display in the second round.

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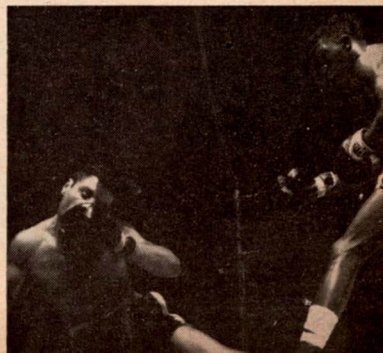


The dark shadow of Len Matthews hovered over South Africa's Willie Toweel in one of great rounds of year. Toweel, dropped twice and on verge of knockout in eighth round, fought back, went on to win decision.

Charley Scott

Progress Award Winner

By NAT LOUBET

PICKING the fighter who most richly deserves the distinction of having achieved the greatest progress during the year is an annual headache for The Ring Magazine staff.

Sorting out the numerous eligibles for this citation for 1959 developed more problems than the task ever before had presented.

However, after checking and rechecking, the pollsters discovered that one name stood out with clarity—Charley Scott, Philadelphia welterweight.

Scott's meteoric rise, from a Class C rating for 1958 to the position as one of the top contenders for the 147 pound championship, emphatically made him the winner of the Progress award.

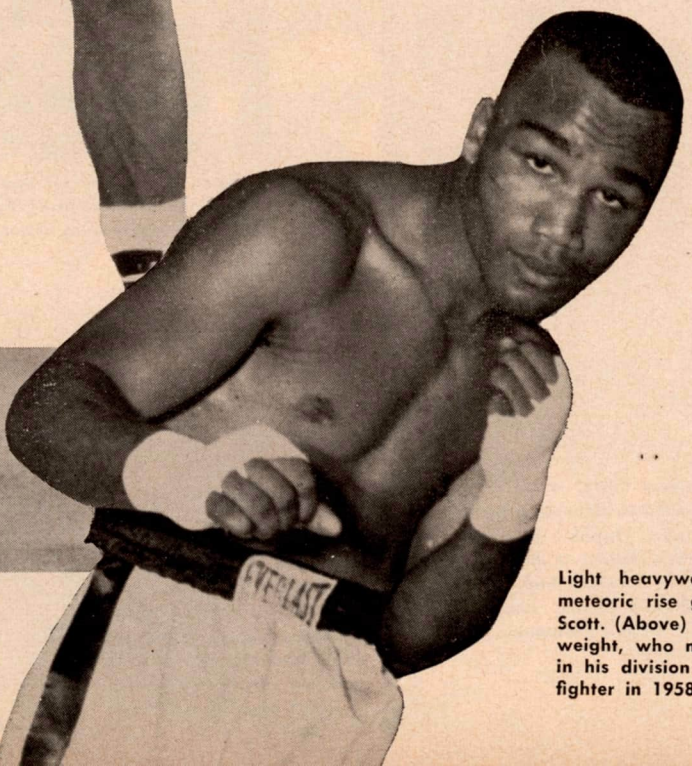
Scott is no callow kid. He was listed as a professional as far back as 1953. Until 1959, Charley was not one of the distinguished. He was knocked out by Luis Rodriguez, beaten by Frankie Anslem. That should up his class through 1958.

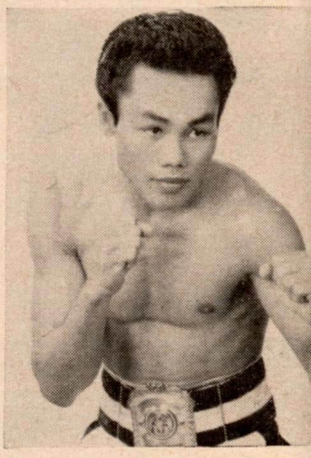
Then came a strange metamorphosis. The hitherto unspectacular Scott came charging out of the herd.

A CONVERTED SOUTHPAW, SCOTT CAME FAST

Never a Fancy Dan, the booming left hook Scott, a converted southpaw who likes to mix it up, caught his stride.

Charley Scott, top contender for welterweight honors, who advanced the most during the past year.





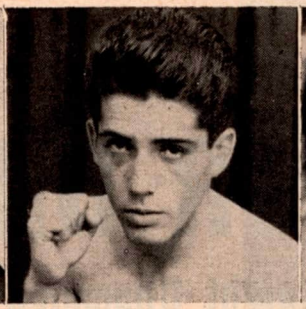
Light heavyweight Von Clay (left) whose meteoric rise gave him a runnerup spot to Scott. (Above) Danny Kid, Philippine bantamweight, who made the drive to second best in his division fom obscurity as a class "B" fighter in 1958.

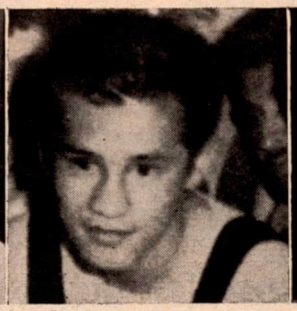
Runnerups For The Ring Award Of Most Progress For 1959 Found Von Clay, Freddie Gilroy, Billy Hunter, Danny Kid, Among Host Of Americans And Foreigners Considered.

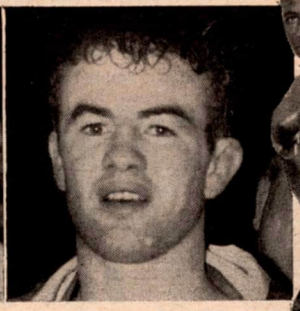
PREVIOUS WINNERS OF PROGRESS AWARD

1958—Don Jordan, California welterweight
1957—Roy Harris, Texas heavyweight
1956—Eddie Machen, California heavyweight
1955—Chuck Spieser, Michigan light-heavyweight
1954—Pascual Perez, Argentine flyweight
1953—Nino Valdes, Cuban heavyweight

(Left to right) Highly regarded fighters who made superb advancement during 1959—Henry Hank, Detroit middleweight; Ricardo Gonzales, Argentine featherweight and Hiram Bacallao, Cuban flyweight.







(Left to right) Mexico's Battling Torres, a lightweight; Freddie Gilroy of Ireland, fast moving bantam and Billy Hunter, heavyweight contender from Detroit.

An eight round knockout over Tom Brown got him started. Then he won a ten round decision over Isaac Logart to gain international attention. To prove that his victory was authentic, Charley gave Logart a return and knocked him cold with a big left hook in 1:14 of the 3rd round. Logart was rated third at this time and Scott moved up to seventh in The Ring's monthly ratings.

Aiming for the top the newly married, twenty-two year old Scott took on Ralph Dupas, rated fourth, and after dumping Dupas in the first heat went on to win a split ten round decision from the New Orleans battler.

Scott's stock was booming and he signed to meet Sugar Hart, rated number one among the world's welterweights. Both hailed from Strawberry Mansion in Philadelphia, which also produced Gil Turner.

If there was any doubt about Scott's ability to punch it was cleared up when he laid Hart to rest in 28 seconds of the ninth of a scheduled 12 round contest.

Scott was now officially the number one contender for Don Jordan's crown. A Johnny-come-lately to the ratings, Scott had won five straight bouts in 1959 to fight himself from obscurity to the top of his division as a contender, although he was upset by Benny Paret in his last bout and dropped down to the number two post. He still advanced further than any other boxer.

Scott, who was seen on television twice, has an overall record of thirty-four bouts with twenty-four wins and ten losses, of which he knocked out thirteen and was kayoed himself on two occasions.

PENDER A STANDOUT EXAMPLE OF PROGRESS

Behind Scott, we find a small army of eligibles for Progress distinction. There are newcomers, there are experienced men, there are Americans and there are foreigners.

Paul Pender, Brookline, Massachusetts middleweight, is a typical striking example of a veteran who, little considered as a title contender since turning pro in 1949, had never landed above a class "B" in the annual rankings, was inactive in 1957, and labeled as "over the hill" by the experts. Yet during 1959 this same Pender knocked out Joe Gomes in six, won on a disqualification over Young Beau Jack, put Joe Shaw down to stay in five heats, won a ten round decision over Tiger Ralph Jones and received recognition as the New England middleweight champion.

The net result was to run Paul up as high as number six among the world middleweight ratings during 1959. Pender, as this is being written, is scheduled to meet Ray Robinson in a middleweight title bout.

It would take a man with a crystal ball to envision a fighter like Joey Parks, a lightweight from Omaha, Nebraska, with some four years of professional experience behind him, and that of a hit and miss variety, climbing into the rankings as a rated fighter.

NO MARVEL, THIS PARKS AS 1959 STARTED OUT

Starting the year, the odds on Parks becoming rated would have been astronomical. He was belted out in five rounds in his first fight for 1959, by the same man who had kayoed him in three rounds for his last fight of the previous year. If he showed any improvement, it was that Joey Reynolds had taken two more rounds to knock him out.

Inactive for about four months, Parks was picked up as a workout for lightweight champion Joe Brown and most newspapers thought so little of the affair that it received only passing notice.

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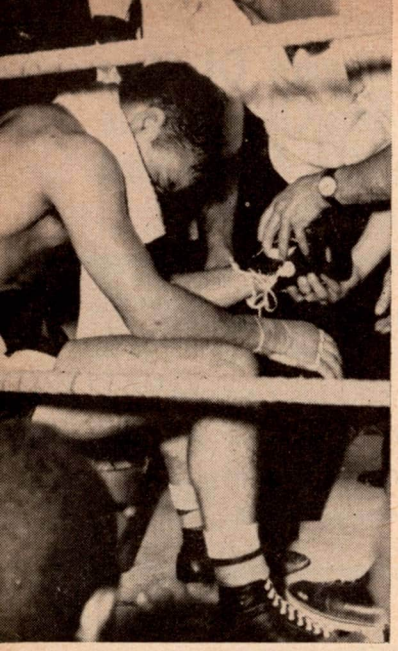


A very dejected Charnley sat on stool after fight which will go into The Record Book as a six round kayo

This shot was taken of Joe Brown in his dressing room after the champ had successfully defended his title and was completely relaxed. Brown thought he had cut Charnley's eye with a right uppercut

BUTT FOR BROWN

Dave Charnley Lightweight Champion of the British Empire was unable to come up for the sixth round due to severe cut above right eye in his fight with Joe Brown for World Honors

By FRANK BUTLER

HOUSTON, Texas.—Dave Charnley, 24 year old southpaw lightweight champion of Britain and the Empire, joined the long list of British pugilists who have been bounced around by American champions in the post-war years. The little fighter from Dartford, Kent, failed to come up for the sixth round due to a severe split right eye brow which ended his bid for the world light-weight crown held firmly in the grasp of Joe Brown, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

It was a disappointing finish for the 6,404 crowd in the Sam Houston Coliseum who were expecting that Brown, in the eighth defense of his world crown, would be faced with one of his toughest fights. Instead they saw the cagey Brown stalking his English challenger for four rounds, sneaking the points with a left jab.

Just when the little southpaw began to put on pressure for the first time by shaking, although not distressing the wily champion, his right eye brow was split with only seconds of the fifth round remaining. Blood flowed freely, and the Englishman's manager, Arthur Boggis, immediately signaled to Referee Jimmy Webb and declared the cut was too deep to stop bleeding and that Charnley could not continue.

Brown, who scaled 134 pounds against Charnley's 133¾, collected 40 percent of the gate and television, which gave him $29,088. The challenger took back to Britain $14,544 gross, which included $6,544 from T.V.

English reporters at the Houston ringside—and there were nine of us—will argue for many months to come about the incident which brought the sudden termination to this title bout which had ended before it really warmed up.

After Charnley had shaken Brown for the first time with two rights after having only punched with his left for four rounds, he rushed in confidently, but emerged with a deep gash over his eye. Brown declared afterwards that he caught Charnley with a left and split the eye with a right uppercut. Referee Webb agreed with Brown that it was a right, but both Charnley and Boggis insisted it was an accidental butt by Brown.

As this writer sat immediately below and facing the fighters at the time, I had no hesitation at all. I clearly saw the clash of heads, but Charnley was equally to blame. Brown did flash a left and a right, but the cut occurred a split second earlier.

It was tough on Charnley, always a slow starter. He has never been knocked out and never badly cut before. He left America leaving behind him the impression that here was another English champ who can't fight.

But let me make it clear that while I declare Charnley unlucky to lose this fight as he did, there can be no ifs or buts about the ultimate result even though there were ifs and butts as to how the fight ended. Brown, a really classy champion, would have retained his title in any case, but I believe Charnley might have given him his toughest defense.

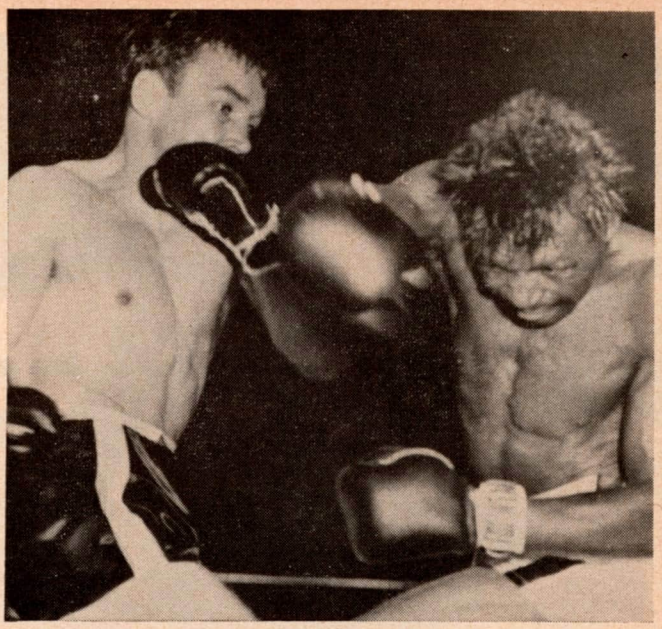
This latest failure of one of England's champions brings me to the question: "*What's wrong with British boxing?*" It's a painful one to me, because I've been one of the chief mourners at so many American burials of British hopes.

I travelled to New York twice with Randy Turpin to see him beaten in title fights by Sugar Robinson and Bobo Olson.

I was Don Cockell's travelling companion to San Francsico for his brave but futile stand against Rocky Marciano.

I had to hang my head in shame in Buenos Aires the night Dai Dower was destroyed in two ignominous minutes by Pascual Perez.

Last May I had to get out my black tie once more after witnessing the disposal of Brian London who was thumped



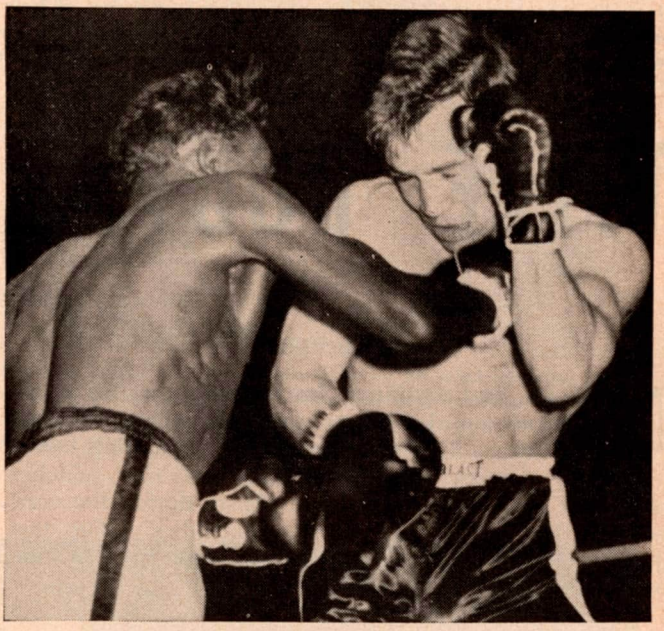
Early in the fight Brown (right) missed with a hard right and Charnley countered with his own hard right to Brown's head

round the ring by Floyd Patterson and finally knocked out in eleven rounds at Indianapolis.

Only a few months ago, our featherweight champion Bobby Neill was flattened inside three minutes by world champion Davey Moore in a non-title bout in London. And the night before Dave Charnley's unsuccessful bid against Brown, two British heavyweights, Brian London and Dick Richardson, were beaten by Nino Valdes, the veteran Cuban, and Mike DeJohn respectively.

Britain used to have world-beaters in Jimmy Wilde, Freddy Welsh, Jim Driscoll, Ted Kid Lewis, Jackie Berg, Benny Lynch and Jackie Patterson. In the post-war years two of our champions won world titles from Americans. Freddie Mills took the cruiser crown from Gus Lesnevich and Turpin beat Robinson, although Sugar Ray recaptured his title 64 days later.

The old-timers were hungry fighters. To-day in Britain, the standard of living has increased tremendously since the old lean days of unemployment and perhaps our fighters lack dedication to their profession. Although our fighters have never been so bad, they've never had it so good—as far as purse money is concerned. And whereas the old fighters had to take part in perhaps sixty or seventy fifteen



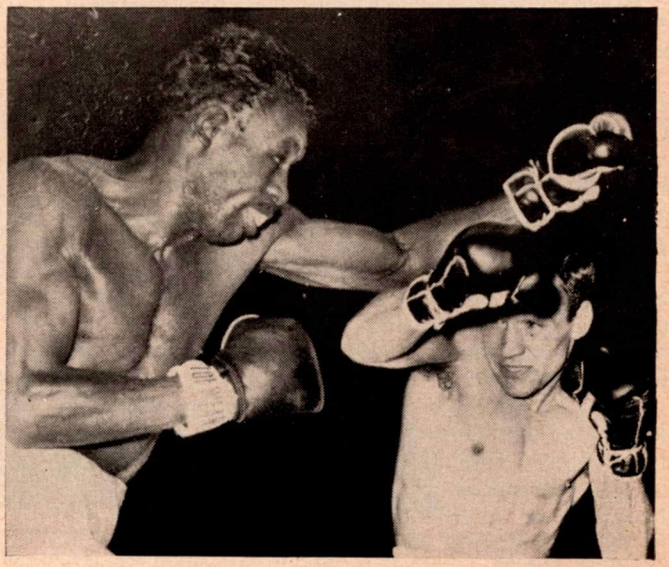
Brown taking charge as he did during most of the contest, lands a right to the Englishman's body that shook the challenger and forced him to cover up

and twenty round bouts before they had a title shot, to-day youngsters, after a dozen or so eight and ten rounders, are fighting for titles.

You might say the standard of living is even better in America, but then it always was. And where would U. S. boxing be without some of the great Negro champions? It is my opinion that when Britain again produces some world-beaters, they will be youngsters born in Britain of the folk settling there now from Nigeria, Ghana and the West Indies.

But let us not mourn too deeply. Certainly there are not any alibis for Charnley's defeat by Brown, who I think now qualifies to go down as one of the great lightweight champions. He may not be a Joe Gans or a Benny Leonard, but I rate him up with Ike Williams, another excellent lightweight.

Brown has already equalized Leonard's record of eight title defenses. And although he's thirty-four, there are so



The champ, Brown (left) looking for the opening, missed a high left and was stung by a left delivered by his challenger. The Houston, Texas, champ, was the ring general throughout the contest

few outstanding lightweights around today, the "Old Bones", as they call him affectionately around Baton Rouge, may make a dozen or more successful defenses. He certainly qualifies to make up the third of those old colored fighting Muskateers—Archie Moore and Sugar Ray Robinson.

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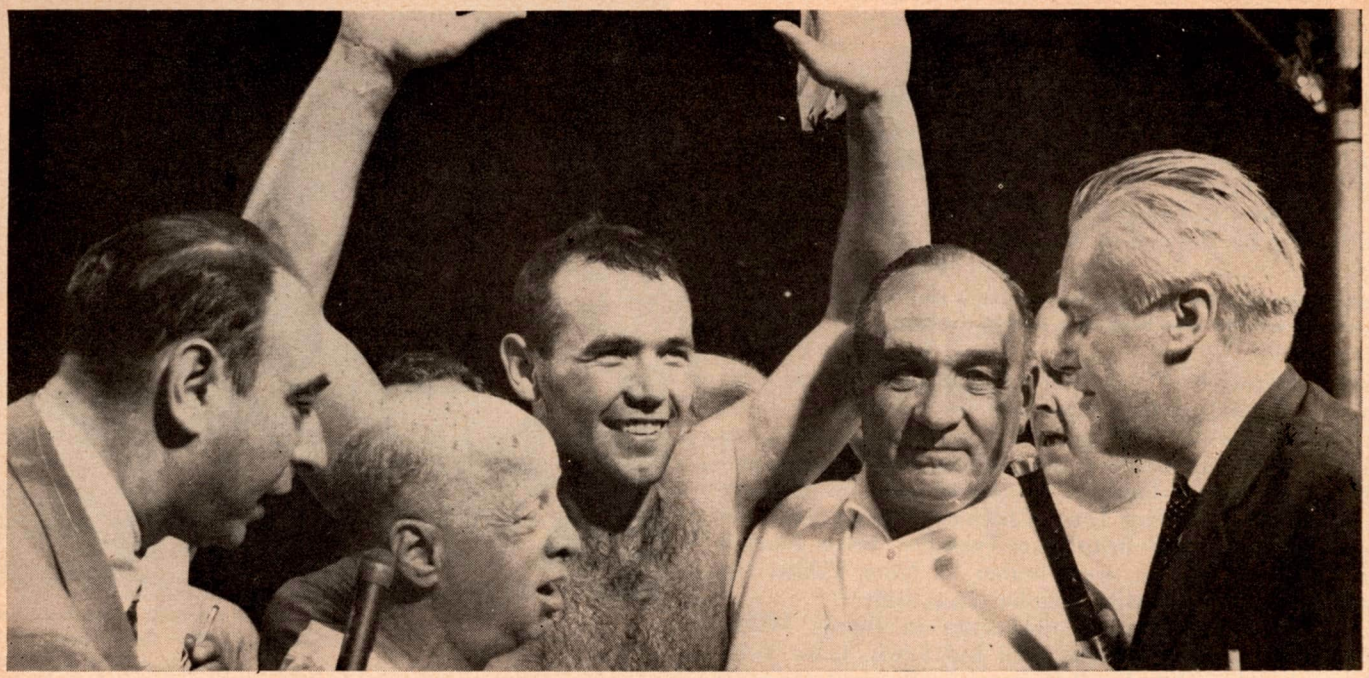

Ingemar Johansson and his exhuberant handlers in the ring of New York's Yankee Stadium when the Swede completed his demolition job on Floyd Patterson and became world heavyweight champion. Johansson's sensational triumph highlighted a busy year for important international fights, both in the United States and elsewhere, with three world titles shifting to new owners.

TITLE BOUTS INTERNATIONAL

By JERSEY JONES

NOT the least significant feature of major ring developments in 1959 was the encouraging increase of "internationalism" in world championship bouts.

Of the thirteen universally recognized title matches offered in six of the eight weight classes during the year, no less than *ten* involved rival nationalities. The two divisions which did not maintain the pace set by the other six were the middleweight and the welterweight.

Three titles switched proprietors in these international clashes. The bantamweight laurels shifted from French-Algerian Alphonse Halimi to Mexican Joe Becerra, the featherweight from Nigerian Hogan (Kid) Bassey to American Davey Moore, and the heavyweight from American Floyd Patterson to Swedish Ingemar Johansson.

Championships were retained by American light-heavyweight Archie Moore, who demolished Canadian Yvon Durelle; American lightweight Joey Brown, who disposed of Italian Paolo Rosi and Englishman Dave Charnley, and Argentine flyweight Pascual Perez, who turned back a pair of Japanese challengers, Kenji Yonekura and Sadao Yaoita.

Prior to losing to Johansson, Patterson eliminated Britisher Brian London, and the one other international meeting for a world title was a return match between featherweights Moore and Bassey, with Davey repeating his previous success.

Seven of these ten bouts were held in rings scattered throughout the United States. The most active site was Los Angeles, with the bantamweight and both featherweight promotions. The lightweight offerings were in Houston and Washington and the heavyweight pairings in Indianapolis and New York.

Of the three title affairs staged elsewhere, Tokyo was the scene of the two flyweight outings and Montreal played host to the light-heavyweight event.

OTHER IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

There hardly is any disputing boxing's recognition as the world's No. 1 athletic endeavor. From its rather modest status at the start of the 20th century, when activity was limited to the English-speaking lands—the United States and the British Empire—it has, during these last six decades, spread across all six continents and a hundred or more islands dotting the seven seas. No longer do the Yanks, the English and the Australians have a tight monopoly on world titles. Through the years the ring has produced champions in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Greece, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, Panama, Argentina, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan.

Of the eight major titles now in circulation, three are held by non-Yanks, with a Swede toting around the Big One.

Aside from championship affairs, boxing featured its usual output of important international clashes during the year. At least a score of matches were held for the various European and British Empire titles. The busiest campaigner was Freddie Gilroy, the Irish southpaw, who, in these last twelve months, did a notable job of disposing of bantamweight opposition.

Freddie started the year's schedule by taking the British and Empire laurels from the veteran Peter Keenan. Then he whipped two Frenchmen, Jacques Colomb and Charles Sylla. A touring Filipino, Al Asuncion, was his next victim. Gilroy followed by trouncing ex-world champion Mario D'Agata, and followed by relieving another Italian, Piero Rollo, of the European title. Ending his year's industry,

Of 13 World Championships Contested in 1959, 10 Were Between Rival Nationalities

the little Irishman retained his Empire championship by demolishing Bernie Taylor of South Africa.

Another southpaw, middleweight Gustav Scholz of Germany, also was conspicuous in international competition. Besides three successful defenses of his European laurels against two fellow-Germans, Hans-Werner Wohlers and Peter Muller, and a Frenchman, Andre Drille, Scholz whipped a Tunisian, Salah ben Fahrat, and a pair of light-heavies, Artenio Calzavara of Italy and the formidable Tongan, Johnny Halafihi.

Commuting between South Africa and England, light-heavyweight Mike Holt was another active campaigner in the international scene. Holt's accomplishments included victories over three Americans, Jerry Luedee, Donnie Fleeman and Sixto Rodriguez, and two Italians, Domenico Baccheschi and Rocco Mazzola. He also drew with Halafihi.

A TRAVELING INDUSTRY.

Besides those who figured in championship bouts, the most prominent "aliens" to visit the United States during the year included heavyweight Joe Bygraves, transplanted Jamaican now operating out of England; middleweight Dick Tiger of Nigeria, welterweight Willie Toweel of South Africa and lightweights Mario Vecchiato of Italy and Lahouri Godih of Algeria, along with such Cuban contributions as welterweights Luis Rodriguez and Florentino Fernandez and a colorful Mexican contingent headed by lightweight Battling Torres and the new bantamweight champion, Joe Becerra

Other distinguished visitors were several Filipinos, paced by top-rated bantamweight Danny Kid and flyweight Dommy Ursua.

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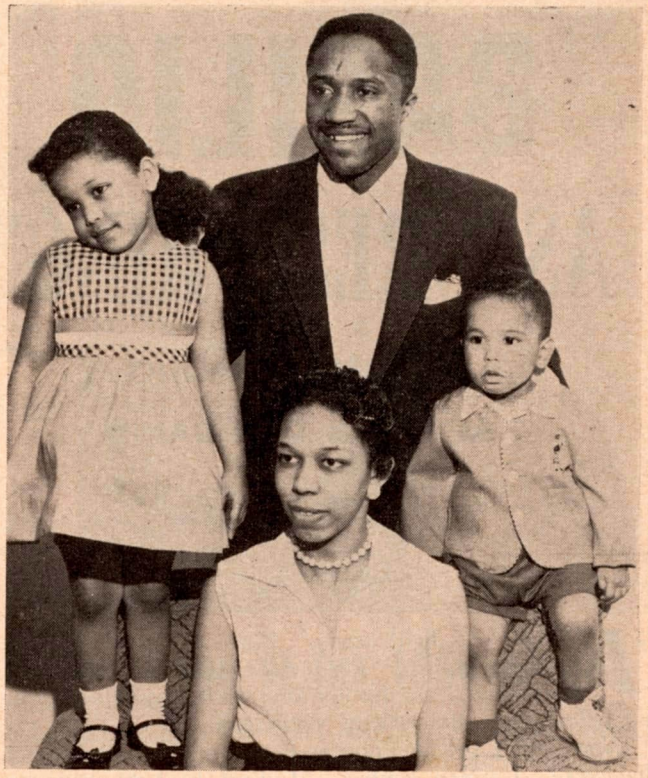
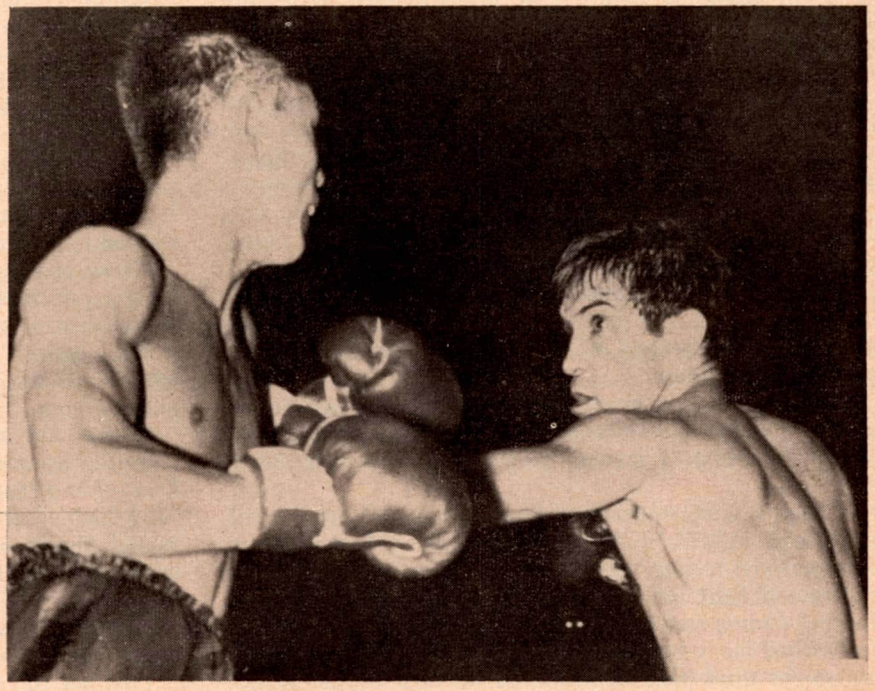


A happy family was Davey Moore's when the newly-crowned featherweight champion returned to Ohio and had himself photographed with his wife and two children after he wrested the title from Nigeria's Hogan (Kid) Bassey in Los Angeles.

Lightweight Joe Brown, the busiest champion of the year, defended his title against three challengers, among them Italian Paolo Rosi in Washington and Britisher Dave Charnley in Houston.



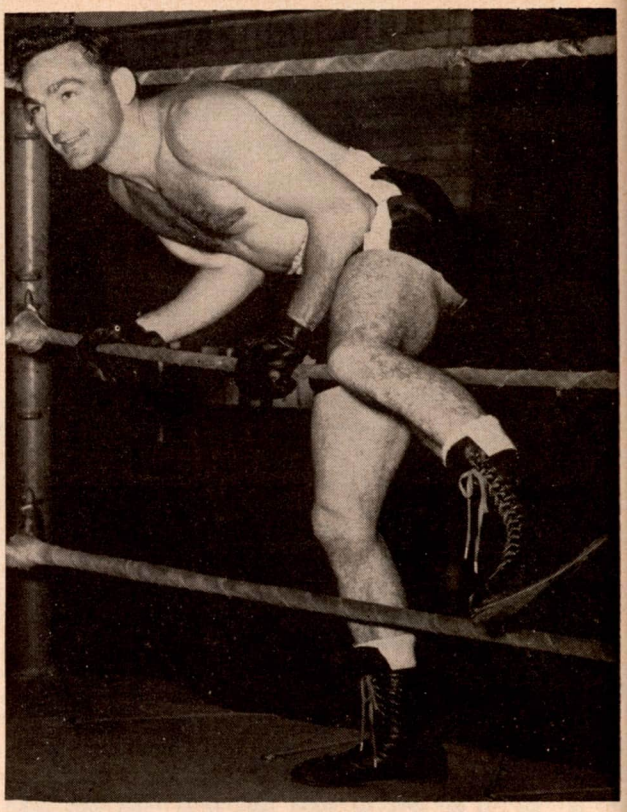
Pascuel Perez (right), Argentina's Mighty Mite, didn't mind risking his world flyweight championship against formidable challengers in their own "back yard." Both of Perez title defenses were in Tokyo, and against top Japanese. The Argentino is seen here beating Kenji Yonekura. Later he returned to the same ring to dispose of Sadao Yaoita.

"I Will Fight Again"

BASILIO ASSURES "RING"

By CARMEN BASILIO

As Told to DAN DANIEL



"I WANT to fight again," Carmen Basilio let the sentence sink in. "I will fight again. I just have to fight again," the former king of the middleweights, and before then, the welters, vociferated.

"Now, don't get the notion that I am a blood-thirsty character," Carmen smiled. "I want to fight again in spite of the obvious opposition of my wife, who thinks I should come home and stay home, and my doctor, who thinks he has noted some slackening in reactions.

"I don't blame Mrs. Basilio for wanting me to cut the ring ropes. I believe my doctor to have seen something that is not altogether there. In short, I believe that I still have great earning powers, and that for the sake of my family and my future security, I should make the most of what I still possess.

"I admit, quite frankly, that my determination to put on the gloves again stems from a desire to cash in on my still high position as an attraction, which I retain because, never in my long ring career, have I given a poor performance.

"Never have I disappointed my fans. I may have lost when they figured I would win. But I never have failed to give my best, to try my utmost, to make it a hard fight."

"The man I want most to meet is Ray Robinson," Basilio continued. "I beat him in our first fight, I beat him again in the second one. He got the decision in Chicago, but I got the edge.

"If Robinson ever meets me a third time, I will knock him out. I can almost guarantee that. I would profit from a few vital things I learned in those two meetings with him.

"I have a score to settle with Robinson. Would I call it a grudge fight? No. But it is no secret that there is some personal feeling between us.

"I would fight Ray if I were offered a fair deal, fair to him and to me, not his impression of what he should get. He has had many topheavy estimates of his drawing power. You might think that he would be worth $500,000 to get into a ring and do some shadow boxing. He can get his best financial deal by fighting me, and I am ready for him.

"Then there is Gene Fullmer. I know he would give me a chance to recover the title. He is a fine young man who is not loaded with the belief that he is everything and the other man is nothing. It takes two to make a fight. If those two are natural rivals, all the better."

When Basilio was asked if, failing to get matches with Robinson or Fullmer, he would try to recover the welterweight championship, he replied, "A decision to go back to the 147 pound class would be a tough one for me to make.

"In the first place, while I believe I could make the weight, that might entail some difficulty. I would not like to make it tough for myself before I even got into the ring.

"However, if Don Jordan would meet me I might be interested.

"I would not fight my way through an elimination series for the right to tackle the 147 pound champion. I believe that I would be entitled to the clear assumption by the ring public, and the promoter, that my reputation entitled me to top consideration as a contender against Jordan, if I wanted that shot.

"Now, that fight in which I lost to Fullmer. I never have been a presenter of excuses. But there were a lot of bad circumstances on my side.

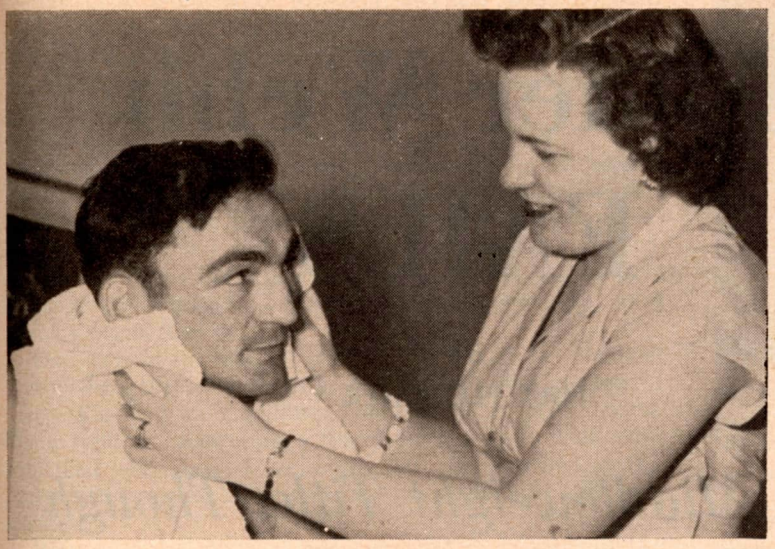
"In a general way, I was not right for so tough an opponent. I was too heavy, for one thing. I weighed in at 156 pounds.

"I was not able to train properly. For the first time, Mrs. Basilio was not with me for a major fight. She had been ill and that had preyed on my mind.

"I had other problems, as well. I should have conditioned myself well, I should have faced Fullmer relaxed, with only one thought, to beat him. But it just wasn't that way."

Basilio's plans are among the factors which make 1960 stand out as a very promising year for fistic action.

First on the agenda is the defense of the heavy-weight title by Ingemar Johansson. Almost certainly, Floyd Patterson will get the shot, but if this fails to jell, then Archie Moore, who appears to have run out of profitable



Basilio being tended to in training camp by his wife Kay during his preparation for his last fight with Gene Fullmer. Kay would like to have Carmen quit ring.

Basilio with Sugar Ray Robinson in days when they saw eye to eye. While Carmen would still like to fight Robbie that "good old feeling" is missing between them.

Carmen places third match with Robinson at top of his 1960 agenda.

opportunities in the light heavyweight division, will be considered.

Then. there is the necessity for clearing up the middleweight muddle. Going into the new year, we find two champions in the 160 pound class,—Robinson, who is recognized in New York, Fullmer who is recognized by the National Boxing Association, and in its areas of influence. It behooves Fullmer and Robinson to settle this mixup and eventually, Basilio will have to figure in the process.

The welterweight class is badly in need of refurbishing and rehabilitation. Don Jordan has not been what might be called an exciting champion. His defense against the immature Denny Moyer in Portland in July, and his non-title appearance in a ten rounder with Fernando Barreto in Brazil on December 5 hardly built Jordan up into a claimant to all time distinctions in his class.

It is obvious that Jordan's position needs strengthening. That this would be achieved if he met Basilio might be considered doubtful. However, Don will have to put his title on the line in 1960, and who knows? Possibly against Carmen.

As a consequence, we find Basilio very much in the limelight. If he fights again, he will be a world boxing cynosure. If he can't make the right connections and yields to Mrs. Basilio's importunities that he quit the ring, boxing will be all the poorer. He has been a credit to the ring, and a source of many benefices to it.

When Robinson's knockout victory over Bob Young in the second round at Boston, and Jordan's knockout defeat by Federico Thompson in the fourth heat at Buenos Aires came up, Basilio refused to be awed by the one, and indicated no surprise over the other.

Carmen did not fault Ray for taking on a virtual nonentity in his first fight in nearly two years.

"After a man has been on the sidelines for so long a time, he has to warm up all over again," Basilio said.

"As for Robinson's match with Paul Pender, while I stand ready to fight Ray again—well, there we have a matter of choice. If Robinson picked Pender in preference to me, well, maybe he showed good sense," Carmen chuckled.

"Jordan's being stopped by Thompson in an overweight fight, Don scaling 153 and the Argentinian 152—well, I don't care to become involved in any comment. I am sorry it happened to Jordan, even if his title was not involved."

It was quite obvious that if Carmen eventually showed interest in recovering the welter title, he would prefer to meet a Jordan without a blemished record.

Basilio indicated that he had studied accounts of the Robinson fight with Young in some detail. There appeared to be evidence that Ray had recovered a lot of his old drive and accuracy despite the 20 months' layoff.

Basilio was interested in the fact that Young had Ray in trouble in the first round, with a solid hook that almost floored the holder of the New York half of the middleweight championship.

This punch alerted Robinson to the possibility of a repeater, and he made up his mind that he could not afford to spend any further time feeling out his rival.

On his way to the fight with Robinson, Pender, on the same card with Ray in Boston, hardly covered himself with glory. Paul played it cautious. He outpointed Gene Hamilton, who had lost four of his previous five fights, one by a knockout against so undistinguished a performer as Willie Green.

On June 8, Green stopped Hamilton in three heats and on October 20, Willie took the decision over the Bronx middleweight in ten.

Pender explained that he had used the Hamilton match precisely the way he had planned to use it, as a robust workout in preparation for Robinson.

"I would say that nothing has happened since my defeat by Fullmer to worsen my position as a fighter, or as an attraction, or to reduce my eagerness to get back into a ring and resume swinging," Basilio concluded.

Marvin Jenson, manager of Gene Fullmer, talks over his next opponent after Fullmer had won a unanimous decision from Spider Webb

Spider Webb FAILS

By
NAT FLEISCHER

Challenger For N. B. A. Middleweight Title, Though Late Aggressor, Is Outfought By Gene Fullmer In Utah Bout.

LOGAN, UTAH — Special from the ringside — "*Ray Robinson is the fighter I'd like to meet most,*" said Gene Fullmer who successfully defended his National Boxing Association middleweight championship when he gained the unanimous decision over Spider Webb, his Chicago challenger in the Utah State University fieldhouse. "*Being called the world champion is a wonderful feeling, but to have a string attached to the crown makes one feel that he is really not the owner of the title. It is my aim to eliminate that by giving Ray Robinson the opportunity to fight me for the right to be universally acknowledged as the holder of the world middleweight crown,*" declared Gene with an air of authority as he cooled off in his dressing room.

It will be recalled that Fullmer gained his N.B.A. championship when he stopped Carmen Basilio on August 28 in San Francisco after the N.B.A. had vacated Robinson's title following his failure to defend it. But neither New York State nor Massachusetts, where Ray is due to defend his portion of the crown against Paul Pender in Boston on January 22, have agreed to accept the N.B.A. edict.

Both Ray and Gene realize that the big money bout for them is a title match in which they would be the opponents and according to Harry Markson, managing director of Madison Square Garden who is eager to stage that contest, all that is required to clinch it, is for Robinson to agree to accept the bout on the basis of an equal percentage split, Gene and Ray to receive thirty percent of all income.

Marv Jenson, manager of Gene, confirmed Markson's statement. Discussing Fullmer's future, he declared: "*We are eager to have the public decide who is the real champion. We can end the controversy by signing a contract for a championship match. We are prepared to face Robinson if he is not clobbered out of the picture by someone else in the meantime, provided Fullmer obtains for his services exactly the same amount as does Ray. We are not going to forget the 12½ percent Fullmer was forced to take when he faced Ray the first time. We welcome a third clash with Ray to clean up the confusion despite the fact that in the opinion of the majority of fight fans Fullmer is the champion.*"

There could be no doubt about that feeling so far as Utahians are concerned. They displayed it in more than one way, particularly by their whole-hearted support of the Fullmer-Webb bout where 7105 persons, a capacity crowd, who came from as far as Idaho, Wyoming and cities and hamlets in surrounding territory, paid $92,725 to see the first title bout ever staged on a college campus and the second championship match staged in Utah, the Moore-Maxim bout being the only other. With $100,000 added to the gate for TV rights, Fullmer pulled down a purse of $71,781 from the net of $79,454, and Webb, $35,897.

Although Robinson is the target Fullmer wants to shoot at in his next championship bout, should Robinson decline the issue, Gene has several other lucrative matches pointing his way. Ron Waller, wealthy California promoter, wired an offer of $300,000 each for a Fullmer-Archie Moore light heavyweight championship match and another with a fat guarantee for Gene for a bout in San Francisco with Bobo Olson, former middleweight king.

Discussing those offers, Jenson remarked that he will wait until Robinson has had a chance to consider any fair proposition from Madison Square Garden for a March match in the New York arena. "*That's the one we want and I hope Markson and his matchmaker, Teddy Brenner can get it for us.*"

The Logan battle was not up to the standard set by Fullmer in his battle with Basilio, but it was an interesting, though far from a thrilling bout. Fullmer, who was expected to repeat the sterling performance he gave in his bout with Basilio, dropped the finesse he displayed in the San Francisco battle and reverted to type.

He disregarded completely the sharp hitting, excellent blocking and aggressiveness that enabled him to win the N.B.A. laurels when he fought Carmen. Instead, he floundered around the ring, tossed long range punches, often tore in like a wild bull to pound Webb's body with effective blows and several times was spun around when his wild long left swings missed the target. Yet he convincingly proved the better and in my book and that of all except Peter Wilson of the London Mirror and a Pocatello reporter, clearly earned the decision.

Gene showed plenty of energy, was awkward in his delivery compared to the grace of his opponent who is an excellent boxer, but had a commanding lead when the final gong clanged due to the effective body punishment he had delivered. Had Webb concentrated on body blows instead of tossing his punches repeatedly for the head which was well protected by Gene's cross-armed defense, he

might have won. Also his aggressiveness was too late.

At the end of the thirteenth round, I had Webb only one round and one point behind. At that time, following his splendid work in the two preceding sessions which he won, it looked like a walk-in for him.

But he faltered in the last two frames in which Gene swarmed all over his rival and handed out severe punishment. This enabled Fullmer to win these rounds and the fight. Some of the scores around the ringside were not as close as mine, but out of the thirteen newsmen polled, eleven saw Gene the winner as I did. My score card gave Fullmer eight rounds, five to Webb and two even for a point score of 144 to 141.

One couldn't blame Webb for crying in his dressing room when the card of Judge Boyd Mattison was read to him. On that card Fullmer had ten points every round. Even Fullmer, answering a query pertaining to that card, remarked: *"I know I definitely lost the fourth and the thirteenth rounds but won the twelfth and fifteenth handily."*

Referee Ken Schulsen, who officiated as a judge in the Moore-Maxim title bout and has had considerable experience in refereeing college and AAU contests, did an excellent job in handling the fighters, though Webb and his manager bitterly complained that two downs which Ken ruled slips, should have been called knockdowns and would have won the fight for the challenger. The one in the fourth I thought was a knockdown, resulting from a right to the chin while Fullmer was off balance.

The referee scored 147 points to 141 for Fullmer with 8 to 3 and four even in rounds. Judge Mattison's one-sided score of twelve rounds to Fullmer and three even, none to Webb, drew wide criticism from Webb and his handlers. His card read 150 to 132. Judge Del Markham had it 148 to 136 with Fullmer winning twelve rounds, Webb taking

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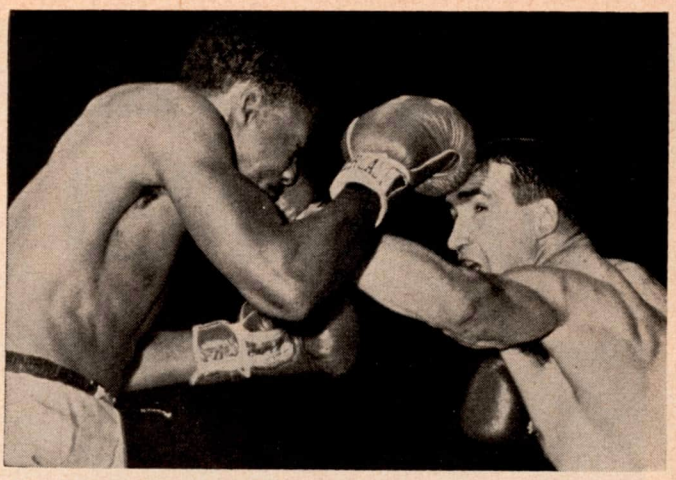
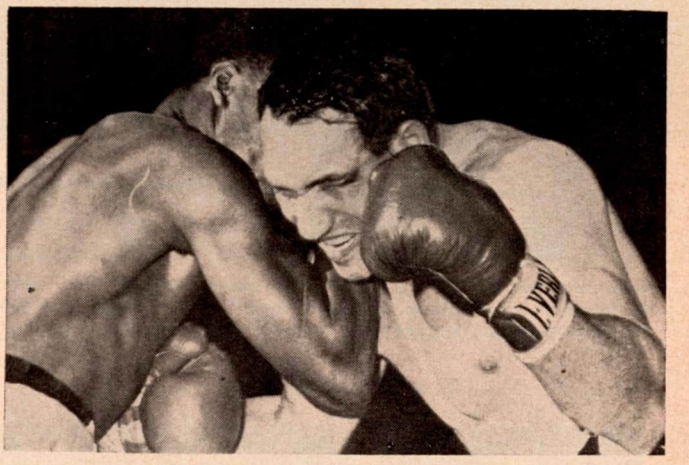
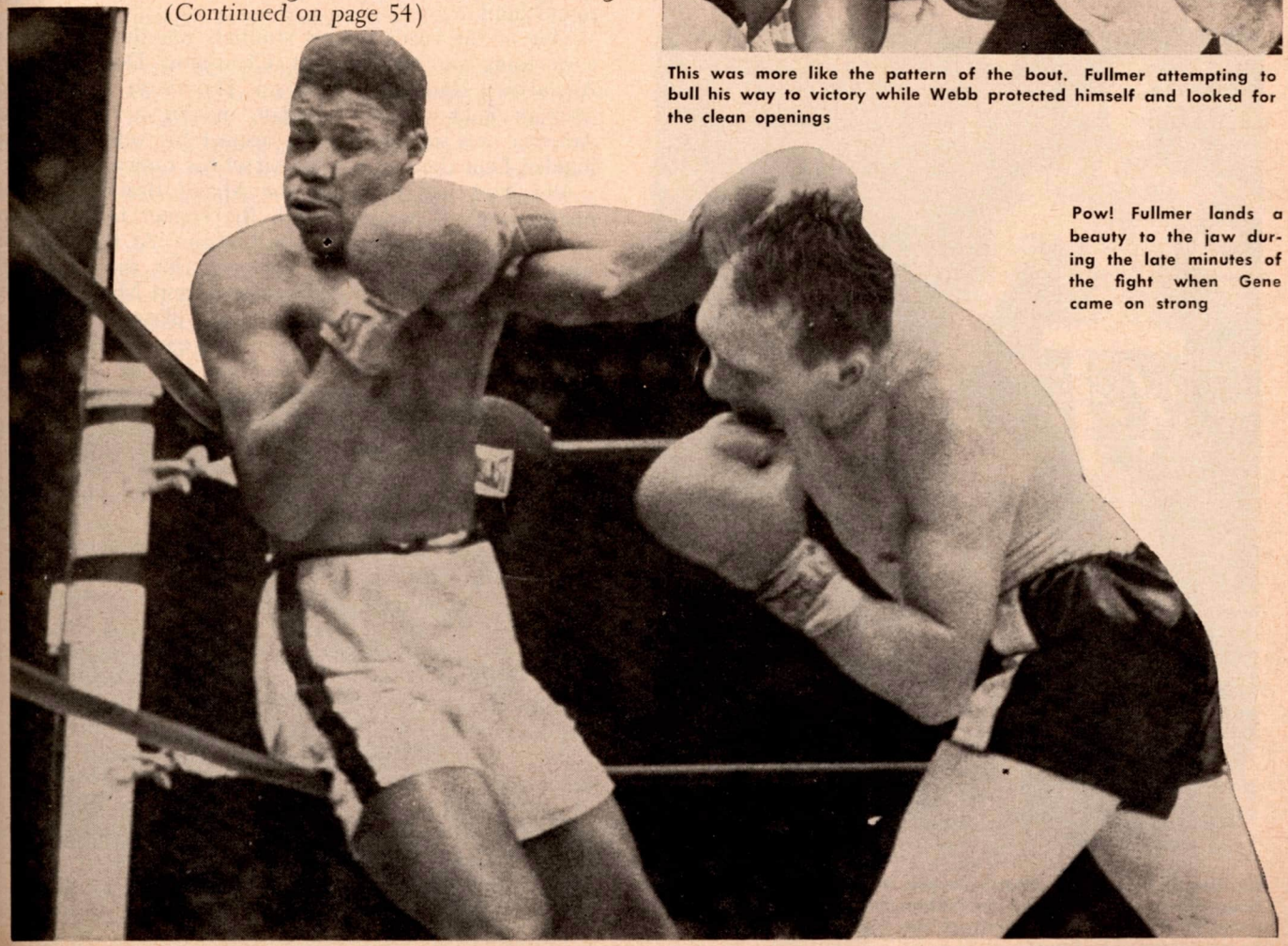


An oddity in this bout! Fullmer (right) spearing Webb with a left lead. Rarely during the contest did Gene make use of his boxing ability



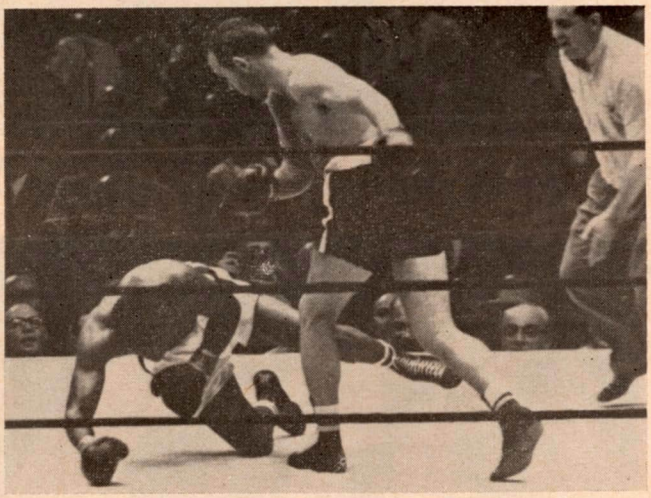
This was more like the pattern of the bout. Fullmer attempting to bull his way to victory while Webb protected himself and looked for the clean openings



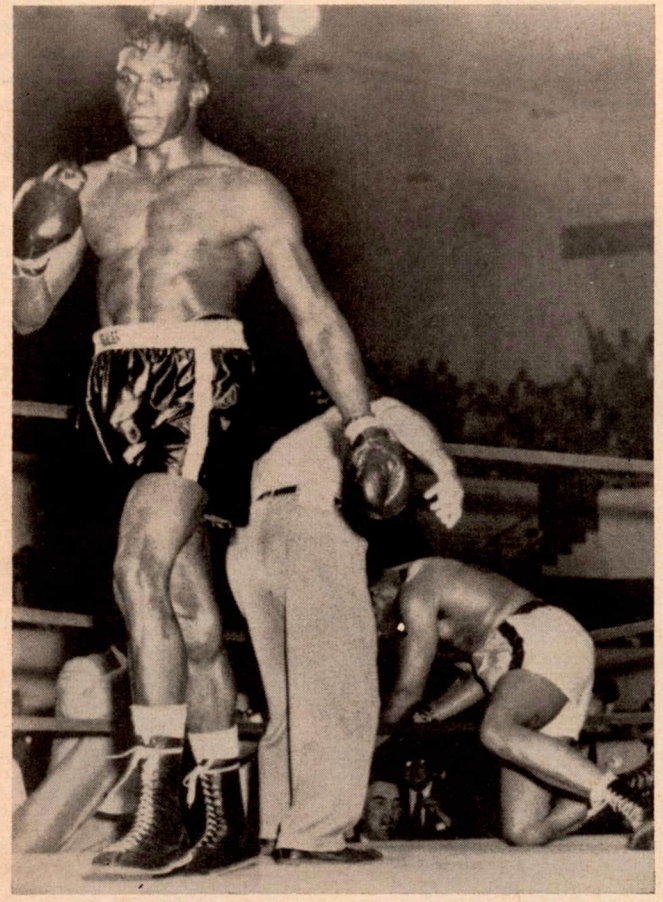
Pow! Fullmer lands a beauty to the jaw during the late minutes of the fight when Gene came on strong

1959—THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENED—OFTEN

By AL BUCK



Floyd Patterson hits the deck, one of the seven times he was floored by Ingemar Johansson in the third round of their bout that saw Johansson gain the heavyweight crown in the year's top upset.



Big Charlie Powell, San Diego's ex pro footballer strides away from Nino Valdes after dropping the Cuban for the count in the eighth round at Miami Beach. Valdes was the number two contender when he was up-ended by Powell.

NO question about it. When Ingemar Johansson knocked out Floyd Patterson to win the world heavyweight championship, he scored the upset of the year.

Almost to a man the boxing experts had picked Patterson to win. He was a 5 to 1 favorite to retain the title on a rainy night at the Yankee Stadium. When Ingo's power-packed right exploded in the third round, it caught everybody by surprise. Most of all the unfortunate Floyd.

An upset is a reflection on man's judgment, or at least his foresight. It is also the frosting on the pugilistic pie. Boxing history is filled with such unexpected endings. The year just passed was no exception.

Among the surprising results was Gene Fullmer's triumph over Carmen Basilio to win the National Boxing Association's middleweight championship. There were those who expected Gene to win. Fullmer wasn't out in the wagering, although Carmen was the favorite. The upset was that Fullmer stopped Basilio.

Without his knowing it, the years had caught up with the former welterweight and middleweight champion. In this Basilio was not alone. Few if any in the San Francisco Cow Palace thought he would fail to go the 15 round limit.

One of the year's biggest stunners was the fourth round kayo hung on welterweight Champion Don Jordan, by Argentina's champion, Federico Thompson in a non-title bout in Buenos Aires. Jordan, making a tour of South America, was an out favorite against his veteran foe, who handed Don the first k.o. defeat of his career.

We happened to be in the Miami Beach Auditorium on the night Charley Powell, the former football player, knocked out Nino Valdes, the Cuban. At the time there was talk of Nino fighting Patterson for the heavyweight title. Emil Lence was attempting to rent Madision Square Garden for the event that never took place.

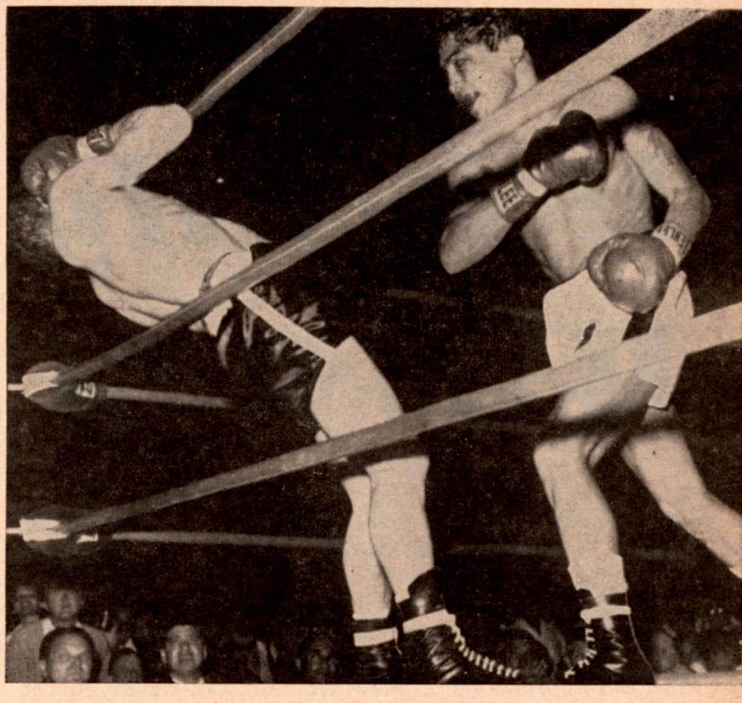
Valdes was the No. 2 heavyweight contender. He complained afterwards that his feet got tangled up, and that the fight should not have been stopped. Poor Nino was a 4 to 1 favorite going into the ring.

Powell was upset in turn by Mike DeJohn, the Syracuse heavyweight. The fight figured to go either way. The surprise was in DeJohn knocking out Powell. He did in the first round.

A tremendous surprise was Joe Parks holding Joe Brown, world lightweight champion, to a draw in a non-title bout. This happened only a few weeks prior to Brown knocking out Dave Charnley, British challenger for the crown. Twelve months before Parks had been outpointed by Mike Spatore in a six round preliminary at Madison Square Garden. In a return bout, Brown beat Parks in 10 rounds.

Naturally title bouts attract more attention than ordinary fights. Perhaps Davey Moore's talents should have been recognized in advance of his battle with Hogan (Kid) Bassey, world featherweight king. Nobody expected the champion to surrender at the end of the 13th round. Moore's victory has to be listed as an upset.

Joe Becerra's triumph over Alphonse Halimi falls in the same classification. Defending the world bantamweight crown, the Frenchman was a 13 to 5 choice. Cheered on



Mexico Joe Becerra sends world champion Alphonse Halimi of France into the ropes in the eighth and final round of their Los Angeles fight. Seconds later Halimi dropped to the canvas and was counted out and another upset had crowned a new champion.

by his Mexican followers, Becerra won the title by knocking out Halimi in the eighth round. Here again was an upset.

Pascual Perez, world flyweight champion, has been defeated only once in his career when he dropped the decision to Sadao Yaoita of Japan in a non-title bout. Perez was a 4 to 1 favorite.

Carlos Ortiz won the junior welterweight title when Kenny Lane was badly cut over the right eye. This one might have gone either way. The quick two round ending was not anticipated.

Florentino Fernandez, the promising Cuban, upset the experienced Gaspar (Indian) Ortega in Miami Beach. Fernandez was being groomed as a possible challenger for the world welterweight title held by Don Jordan, when he went to Caracas to box Rocky Kalingo, an unknown Filipino. Kalingo knocked out Fernandez in a round—a real shocker.

The unexpected was not confined to the United States. Willie Pastrano, high ranking American heavyweight, was a 2 to 1 favorite over Joe Erskine when they clashed in London. The Englishman won.

Nino Bozzano of Italy was being talked about as a challenger for Johansson when he ventured into Germany to fight Hans Kalbfell. Kalbfell knocked out the Italian in eight rounds.

Tony Anthony, the New York light-heavyweight, was upset so many times that when Billy Hunter knocked him out nobody was surprised. Anthony's misfortunes started when Reuben Varges, a run of the middle heavyweight, and a 4 to 1 underdog outpointed him in the Garden. In Chicago, Jesse Bowdry beat him when Tony was 5 to 1.

Hunter, a young heavyweight from Detroit, figured in another upset when he knocked out Alex Miteff of Argentina in seven rounds at Syracuse. He made it stick by outpointing Alex in a return bout at the Garden.

It is an accepted fact that when two men are put in a ring anything can happen. Len Matthews, Philadelphia lightweight, was 4 to 1 over Paul Armstead. Until then Matthews had never been defeated. Armstead won.

Matthews figured in another upset of lesser degree when he was outpointed by Willie Toweel, the South African. Toweel got off the canvas to win. Armstead also upset Mauro Vazquez in a recent start.

Paul Pender, the Boston fireman, qualified to fight Sugar Ray Robinson, whose title as world middleweight champion is still recognized in New York, Massachusetts and Europe, by upsetting Tiger Jones favored at 3-1. Jones had previously upset Joey Giardello a 3-1 choice. Giardello's defeat by Dick Tiger, the Nigerian middleweight, was also unexpected.

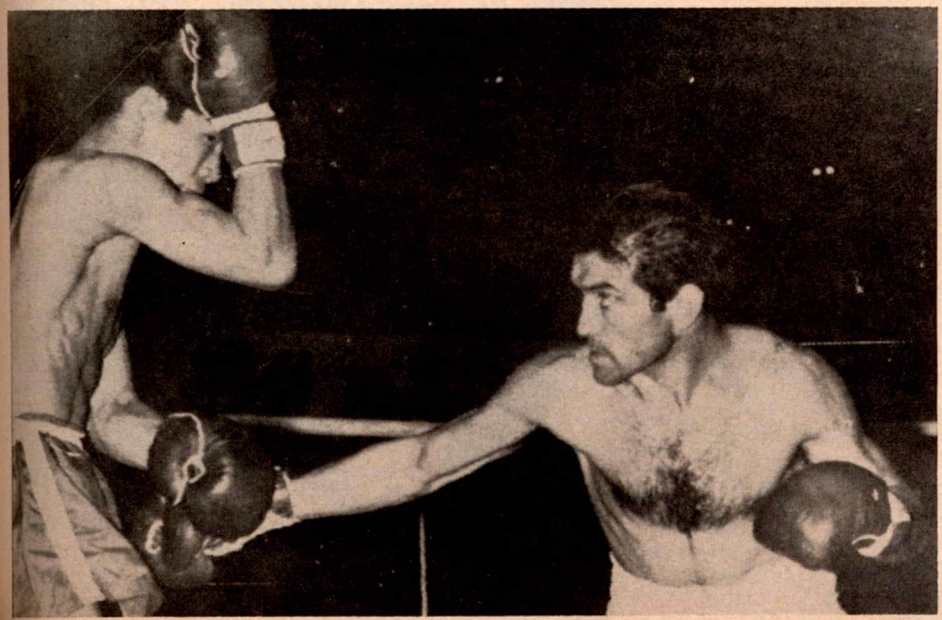
Other upsets of 1959 include Bob Young outpointing Billy Ryan; Jackson Brown winning from Willie Green, and Cecil Shorts, a substitute, getting a decision over Benny (Kid) Paret. Also Danny Kid beating Jose Lopez and Joe Miceli outscoring Art Aragon.

High on the list of upsets was Charley Scott's victory over Isaac Logart. Scott was a 3 to 1 underdog, but in defeating the Cuban he started his climb up the ladder. He is now rated the No. 1 challenger for the welterweight title.

Of course the biggest upset of all was Johansson's smashing triumph over Patterson. The only thing to compare with it since World War II was Jersey Joe Walcott knocking out Ezzard Charles the 6 to 1 choice, in seven rounds to win the world heavyweight championship. Ezz had beaten Jersey Joe twice previously, but Walcott's left hook was the upset of 1951.

More surprising than Walcott's victory and Johansson's triumph, though less sensational, was the decision James J. Braddock won from the late Max Baer to become world heavyweight champion back in 1935. Baer was a 10 to 1 favorite with no takers.

Upsets are frequent, but few were greater than Johansson's knockout of Patterson.



Sadao Yaoita of Japan blocks the right of world flyweight champion Pascual Perez during their non-title ten rounder in Tokyo that saw the Japanese boxer hand Pascual his lone defeat in over fifty bouts. In a return match Perez kayoed his foe in thirteen rounds. The victory ranked behind Johansson's as the upset of the year.

By TED CARROLL

It Really Was Odd . . .

PETER WILSON, of the London Daily Mirror, weighs in with an over-seas account of the weirdest happening of 1959 in boxing. In the eighth and last round of a fight between Trinidad welterweight Hector Constance —well known in the States—and Albert Carroll in London's Albert Hall on Feb. 10, a set of false teeth appeared on the canvas from out of nowhere. It was kicked out of the ring by Referee Stan Hiles, reports Mr. Wilson.

Both fighters heatedly denied ownership of the fake choppers, and they could hardly have belonged to the referee, since after all you just don't kick yourself in the teeth.

Still intrigued by it all, Mr. Wilson finally came to the conclusion that some unknown felon was trying to bite one of the contestants from long range. Or they possibly represented an impatient attempt to put an early "bite" on the boxers' purse.

More teeth, this time real ones, figured in another London incident, when welterweight Peter Anderson was disqualified "for biting" Arthur Murphy on January 26, in the fifth round of a six rounder. Many years ago Kid Norfolk was awarded a verdict on a foul against Harry Greb in Boston, when his charge that Greb had bitten him on the head stood up.

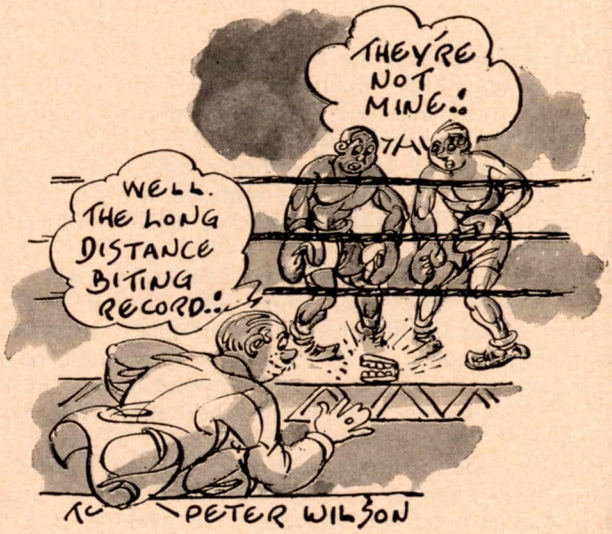
Long before that, the original Joe Walcott, wasn't quite so convincing when he claimed that "Mysterious Billy" Smith tried to make a meal of him by repeatedly biting him in the clinches when they met four times back at the turn of the century. Only once was Walcott's claim allowed. At New Haven on September 24, 1900, Walcott was adjudged winner on a foul.

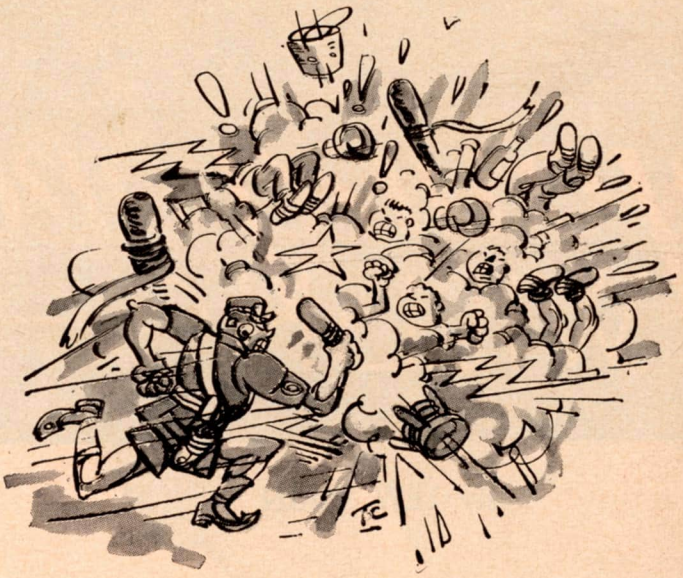
What's in a name? Nothing—when the heating system breaks down on a cold November day in Philadelphia. The hottest thing in the house was the boxer named Don Warmer, when his bout with Bill Black was postponed for one week after the heating system quit cold at the Cambria Boxing Club.

The hoosegow claimed another nibbler, amateur boxer Ronald Cureton who, after losing a three round decision in Elizabeth, N. J. on February 6, punched the referee, kicked a bucket into the crowd, then reserved a jail cell for himself by biting a police lieutenant—of all people—on the finger. He was charged with assault and battery.

Eccentric Cleveland Williams, Houston heavyweight, shows up for a repeat performance in our cast of odd boxing characters. Cleve last year called off a fight in England because he heard voices in the air. Although a hard hitting 210 pounder, Williams needed a meat cleaver to win the decision over his girl friend when the young lady got out of hand during a "lovers" quarrel.

Although the lady wound up in the hospital with head and shoulder wounds, she refused to file charges against cleaver swinging Cleve. Williams' story was the girl came





after him with the cleaver, was disarmed by him and punished with her own weapon.

The whole business, which occurred on July 20, came to light when Williams took time out from his roadwork to stop off at the police station to try to get the cleaver back. Cleve explained he didn't intend to keep it among his souvenirs, but the cleaver wasn't his in the first place, and his girl friend wanted it back.

While one may doubt the advisability of the move, the coppers gave Cleve back the cleaver.

In his turbulent career, Egypt's deposed King Farouk was no stranger to complications caused by the fair sex. Therefore the Detroit middleweight of the same name should have expected something along these lines to happen soon or later.

After the King had been technically kayoed in the fifth round by Willie Westbrook in Chicago on April 27, his sister, Mrs. Selouka Malley, seeking an even break for the family, slugged Westbrook's Manager, Frank Tomasso, cutting his lip.

Whether the King and his overenthusiastic relative were sent into exile for this along with his noted namesake is unreported. Punishment probably was deferred since the kayoed King's dethronement in the ring was punishment enough.

The tears so often shed by "Sad Sam" Silverman, mishap haunted Boston promoter, came in handy when a small fire broke out under the ring during a Silverman presentation between Tommy Garrow and Pat O'Brien at the Arcadia Arena in Providence, R. I., on February 23.

The boxers went right on fighting as Sad Sam, "burned" by many a fistic fizzle, fearlessly stamped out the flames. A fireman on duty finished it off with a fire extinguisher, aided by Sad Sam's tears.

While some few find feminine fighters "funny", only an "odd-ball" can watch such goings-on without having his sensitivities hurt a good deal more than the "fighters" ever can be.

The year 1959 saw Canada's "first women's boxing match", with shorts, blouses and the female figure making an off-base blend with boxing gloves, get by the authorities in McAdams, New Brunswick, on June 1. A twenty year old stenographer and a thirty-seven year old grandmother, Miss Myrna McConvey and Mrs. June Lounder, were permitted to prance about a ring for five sessions of nonsense, which sealed the fate of feminine "boxing" forevermore.

All the good will was left at home when a "good will" team boxing match between Thailanders and South Koreans wound up in a wild swinging fracas in which there were several injuries. Hostilities broke out when the Korean referee called Kang Se Chul, Korean middleweight champion, the winner over Onghaitoon Chatree, Thai champion.

The military police had to restore order after fists and chairs had filled the air for some ten minutes at the arena in Seoul on May 30.

The fight setting was strange when 650 elite customers, including gorgeously gowned women, paying a tab of $6.50 which included a $3 buffet dinner, crowded the center badminton court, converted into a ring at the ultra University Club in Boston's Back Bay, on January 15.

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..SAD SAM'S TEARS PUT OUT THE FIRE..!

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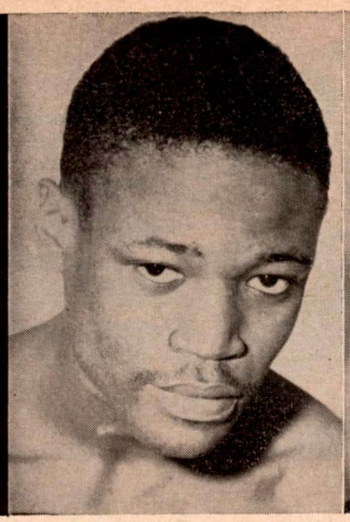


Billy Pickett (left) New York middleweight and John Balla (right) Stockton, California light heavyweight a pair of undefeated battlers with bright futures.

By LEW ESKIN

THE Ring prides itself on the choice of outstanding prospects. The past year was a big one for those tabbed by this publication as the outstanding youngsters likely to attract public attention. In our review, fifty-eight boxers from all parts of the world were named as lads who had the ability to reach stardom and of these thirty reached the goal, from a high of eleven in the lightweight division to five each in the bantam and flyweight classes. These made the headlines as main event fighters.

There were also four lads who jumped all the way up into the rated group. Among them two light heavyweights, Von Clay of Philadelphia and Chic Calderwood of Scotland. The others were Johnny Caldwell of Ireland in the flyweight division and Urtimio (Sugar) Ramos of Cuba. Still another, Tony Padron of Venezuela, gained the featherweight championship of his native land with a victory over long time contender Victor (Sonny) Leon.

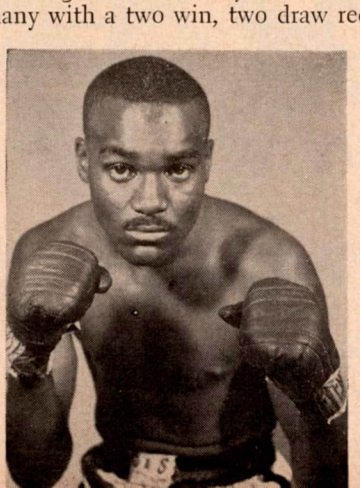
As a class, the heavyweights faired best although none reached the rated group. We named last year, Tom McNeely, LaMar Clark, Lee Williams, George Logan, Willie Richardson, Don Warner, and Cornelius Rodgers. They had a total of thirty-six wins in thirty-nine fights, with one draw and one no contest and a total of thirty-three knockouts scored by them. The lone loss was suffered by Logan, a decision to Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson. George had previously beaten former world champion Ezzard Charles. The draw was scored by Warner with the seventh ranked heavyweight, Billy Hunter, whom Don floored. Hunter has since kayoed Alex Miteff and Tony Anthony. Quite a record our choices made in keeping faith with The Ring. As we go to press Logan and McNeely meet on a national TV show.

Others who made fine progress during the past twelve months were Emile Griffith, New York welterweight; Chico Rollins, New York lightweight; Bobby Hicks, Seattle, Washington lightweight; Carmie Price, Ambridge, Pa. lightweight; Blair Richardson, Halifax, Canada middleweight; Curtis Cokes, Dallas, Texas welterweight; Nick Previti, Boston, Mass. lightweight; Benny Casing, Stockton, Calif. bantamweight; Danny Valdez, Los Angeles, Calif. featherweight; Ray Perez, Hawaiian flyweight; and Doug Vaillant, Cuban featherweight.

The Ring's 1960 crop is a bumper one with a total of eighty-four boys representing eighteen countries and sixteen states.

There are nine heavyweights who have imposing records. Tony Alongi of Miami, Fla. a 185 pounder with a string of eight straight wins, three by the kayo route, leads the pack. Also unbeaten in eight fights is Nick Synan of Pittsburgh, Pa. Nick, who is about the same size as Tony, has two draws and scored three kayos.

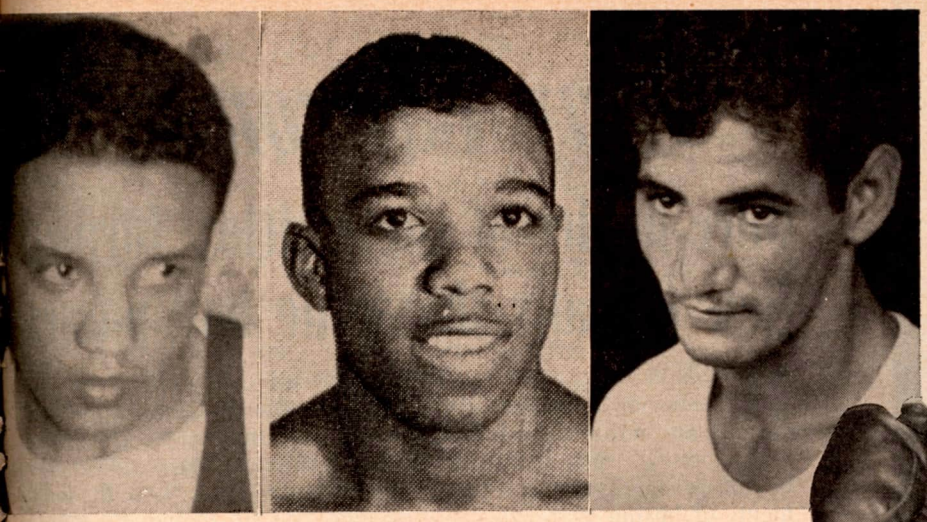
Also undefeated are former amateur stars Ray Lopez of Cuba, a 195 pounder with three kayos in four starts and Alejandro Lavorante of Argentina, now living in San Antonio, Texas has won four of five. He is a 205 pounder who stepped out against rated Roy Harris in his last fight and dropped the decision. Two Europeans, Werner Walloschek of Germany with a two win, two draw record and Ikke Koski of Finland with two wins in two starts, are both ex-amateur champs who tip the beam around the two hundred mark.



Doug Jones, hard-hitting New York 175 pounder who has yet to taste defeat in his pro boxing career covering over a dozen bouts.

Hastings Hart of Phoenix, Ariz. who recently suffered his first loss in ten starts, when he made his main bout debut in Los Angeles and bowed to experienced Johnny Hayden, has registered seven kayos. Ken Kelly of St. Paul, Minn., the biggest of the lot, a 210 pounder, has lost only to veteran Joe Rowan in five bouts and scored kayos in the others.

The light heavyweight class selection has eleven with seven of the lads boasting undefeated records. Doug Jones of New York City who recently graduated into the main bout class by whipping Juan Pomare, leads the way with seven kayos in his eleven triumphs. John Balla of Stockton, Calif., like Doug, a twenty-two year old boxer has two draws in eleven bouts with three kayos.



Anselmo Castillo (left) undefeated Puerto Rican featherweight; Norm Smith (center) Washington, D. C. lightweight, who comes from a fighting family; Carlos Hernandez, lightweight comer from Venezuela, with an impressive record.

Bobby Daniels of Duluth, Minn. who halted veteran Al Andrews in his last fight, has a draw in his seven bout career. Oddly Andrews was his first kayo victim.

Sammy Jordan, a quick punching twenty-four year old transplanted Georgian now living in Union City, N. J., has three kayos in his six wins; Harold (Babe) Simmons of New York, who started his career as a main bout sub under the name of Willie Clemmons, has five for five with a pair of knockouts to his credit. Leslie Smith of Philadelphia has a draw in five bouts but one of his victims, is Earl Atley who kayoed Terry Lewis.

Connie Vaughn of Pittsburgh has kayoed two of his three foes in impressive style. John Bonner of Chicago has 3 kayoes in his six victories.

Kirk Barrow of Seattle, Washington has lost only once in his last dozen bouts, scoring seven kayos for an over-all total of three losses and a draw in sixteen starts. Don Prout, an Indian from Providence, R. I., has scored nine kayos in winning eleven of thirteen. Both losses to Joe Gomes came in his last two fights.

Last but the most promising of the lot, is Freddie Blades of Miami, Fla. Fred, who lost only to the then ranked Jerry Luedee in a fight in which he was leading when he ran out of gas and was stopped, fought a draw in his second bout and has won his other seven with five kayos. His last was over Joe Rowan.

The middleweight ranks have ten members in our top choice, led by a pair of potent punchers in Johnny Otto and Paul Machen. In Johnny Otto of Hyannis, Mass., the Cape Cod belter, has flattened eleven of his dozen foes and Paul Machen, younger brother of Redding, Calif. heavyweight contender Eddie, has finished each of his five foes in the first round.

Billy Pickett, ex-amateur star from New York, has won thirteen straight, with nine knockouts. Stan Garcia of Richmond, Calif. has a ten for ten log, with four kayos, while John Smith of Los Angeles, has two less wins but one more kayo in his record.

Dick Young, a Philadelphian who has caused quite a bit of talk, has kayoed two in his five wins, both coming in the first round. Murphy Holmes of San Francisco has dropped only one fight in eight and has scored two kayos.

Duane Horseman out of Chetfield, Minn. has kayoed three of his four foes. Freddie Tiedt of Ireland, who was a silver medalist in the last Olympics, has lost once and has had two draws in nine starts while Roque Proano of

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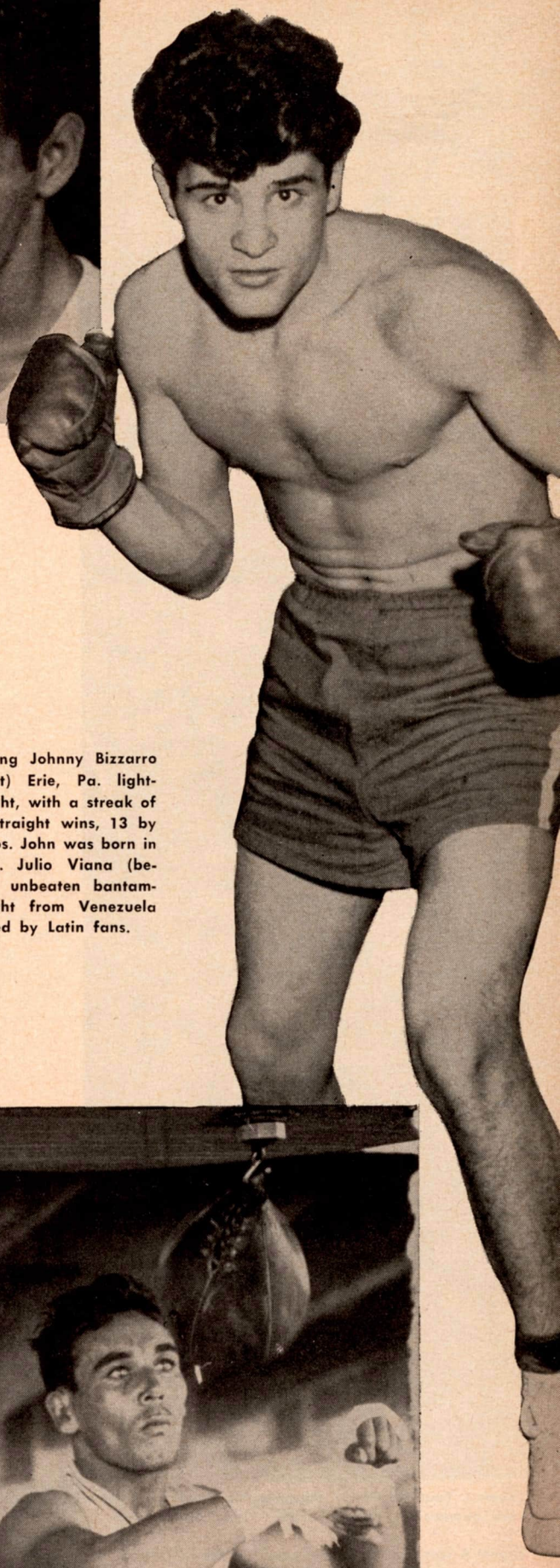
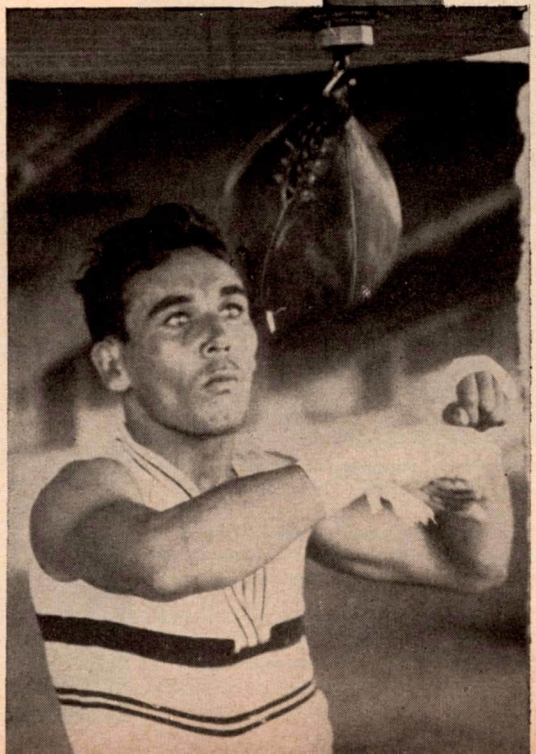


Jarring Johnny Bizzarro (right) Erie, Pa. lightweight, with a streak of 16 straight wins, 13 by kayos. John was born in Italy. Julio Viana (below) unbeaten bantamweight from Venezuela hailed by Latin fans.



Tony Canzoneri

Once holder of three titles, former New Orleans shoeshine boy passes

BACK at the start of the Roaring Twenties, in 1921, Pete Herman, now a member of the Louisiana Boxing Commission, but then in his second reign as world bantamweight champion, took a young, anemic looking kid only thirteen years old from a bootblack stand in New Orleans and began teaching him the rudiments of boxing.

Tony Canzoneri was the name of the bootblack and like Beau Jack of later years, he gained a top rung in the fistic ladder. He topped three divisions as a professional and several as an amateur.

Tony became a pugilistic idol, a symbol of honesty—faithful to his public, his manager and the promoters who aided his rise.

Last December 11, two days after he had died, Tony's body was found in his hotel room, where the Grim Reaper had counted him out following a heart attack.

Thus at 51, passed one of the greatest lightweights of all time, the best since Benny Leonard ruled the roost.

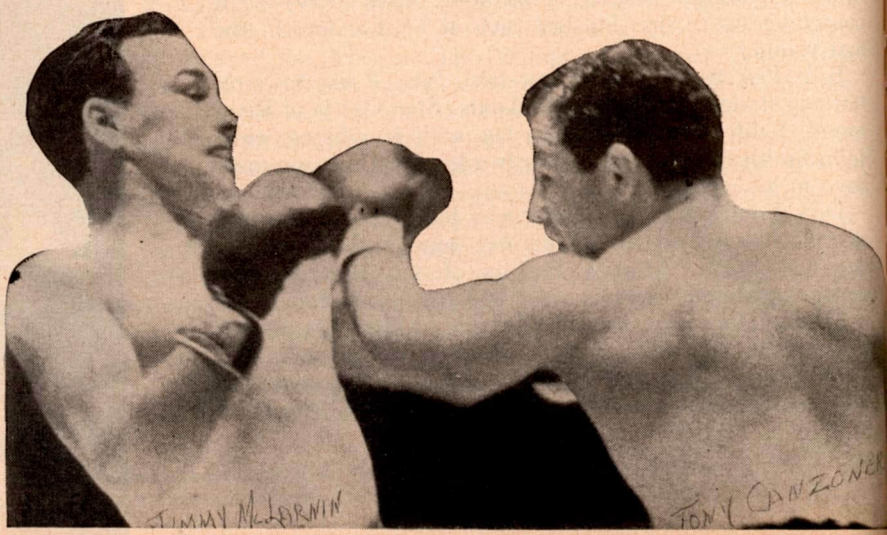
Like Benny's, Canzoneri's name has been immortalized by boxing writers who in 1956 elected him to Boxing's Hall of Fame.

Tony fought during the golden era of boxing, the days of the million dollar gates, but never shared in that wealth. In the fourteen years during which he entertained millions of fight fans—television was not in use at the time—he engaged in 178 bouts as a pro. He won 140, scored 44 knockouts and had 11 draws. He never was associated with a shady contest. His name will always evoke pleasant memories among those fortunate to have seen him in action.

Tony held eight crowns including his amateur championships. As a pro, he gained the featherweight, light and junior welter titles and fought a draw with Bud Taylor for the bantam title. After he had lost the lightweight laurels, which he had won by a one round kayo over Al Singer, and lost it to Barney Ross, Tony regained the championship in a thrilling fifteen round bout from his protege, Lou Ambers. There never was a dull moment when Tony donned the gloves.

When Canzoneri was crowned world lightweight champion for the second time by decisive point margin triumph over Ambers, he achieved the heretofore unprecedented. In all except two classes prior to that historic night in Madison Square Garden, many former champions had regained crowns. The exceptions were the heavyweight and lightweight classes. To this date no heavyweight title holder has recovered his laurels. It remained for Canzoneri to break

(above) Youthful Tony, skipping the rope in a New York gymnasium, shortly after turning professional.



(right) A scene in the second round of the first McLarnin-Canzoneri contest, which Tony won. It was in this bout that Tony put Jimmy on the canvas.

By NAT FLEISCHER

the hoodoo in the lightweight class.

The result of the Canzoneri-Ambers combat was a complete upset. One couldn't blame their trust in the old adage that "youth never will be served", because more often than not it held true.

Canzoneri was from a school different from the average. Those who came to the House that Tex Rickard Built to see the twenty-six year old Canzoneri taken in by his much younger opponent gazed in sheer bewilderment at the slim, trim form of the victor, who had been pictured as battle-worn, battered and stricken in years.

Tony, who frequently accompanied Sam Taub, radio announcer, and me to camps and hospitals during the war to entertain our servicemen, called his fight with Jackie 'Kid' Berg of London, his toughest and greatest. But he often referred to his first bout with Jimmy McLarnin and the match with Ambers as producers of his greatest thrills.

"My bout with McLarnin, which I won, the first of two which we fought, I shall never forget," he said. *"Jimmy had reach and an eight pound advantage over me and there wasn't a lightweight or welterweight who had a more deadly, murderous right hand. We entered the Garden ring with Jimmy a big favorite because of those advantages. But the 17,000 who crowded the Garden knew they would see a good fight and they weren't disappointed."*

Reports of that bout verify his statement. There was no TV then, but the fans stormed the Garden knowing they were in for a good night's entertainment. Little Sammy Goldman, the manager who brought Tony up from a raw novice, was not so sure of the outcome as was Canzoneri. As Tony explained to his listeners, *"Goldman whispered to me in my corner, 'watch his right. Be on your guard. Whatever you do, keep away from his right.'*

"We were called to the center of the ring for our instructions and as we were sent back to our corner, I turned swiftly not noticing that the overhead microphone had not been raised and it struck me a solid whack on my forehead. I was stunned. I almost fell as I tried to reach my corner, but seconds later the gong sounded and I had to get into action though I was groggy."

Then Canzoneri went on to tell how McLarnin, aware of the injury, went all out to end the bout quickly, dropped Tony in the opening round and then became a target for Canzoneri's attack from the start of the second round to

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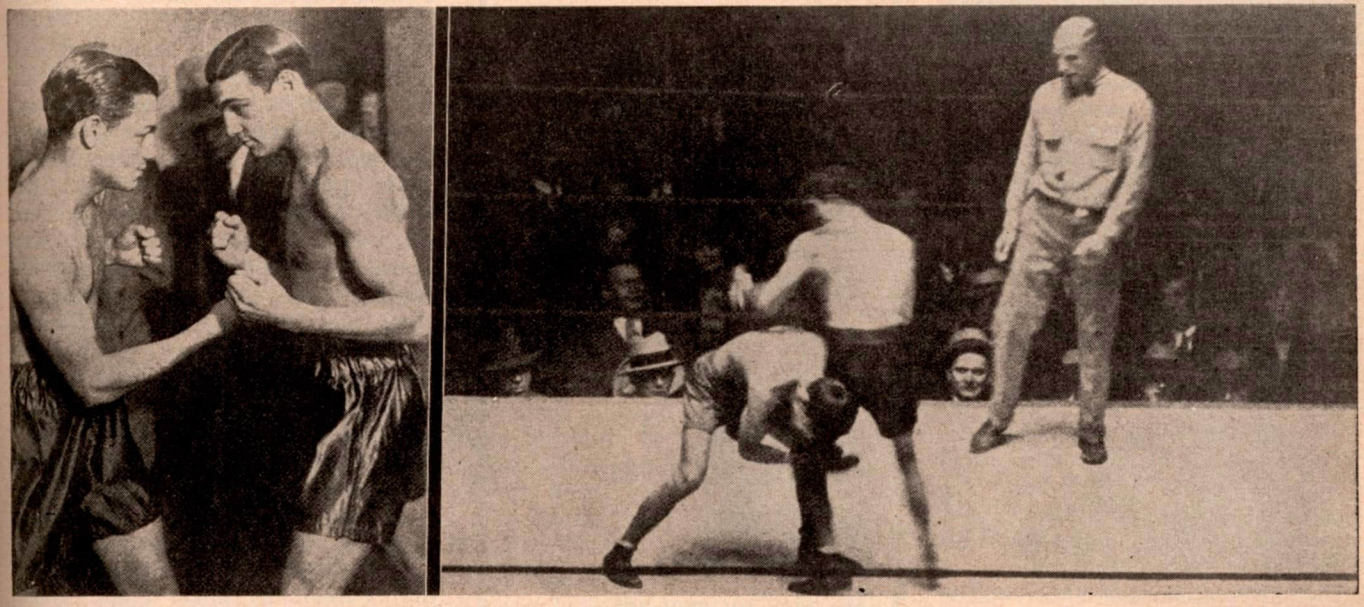
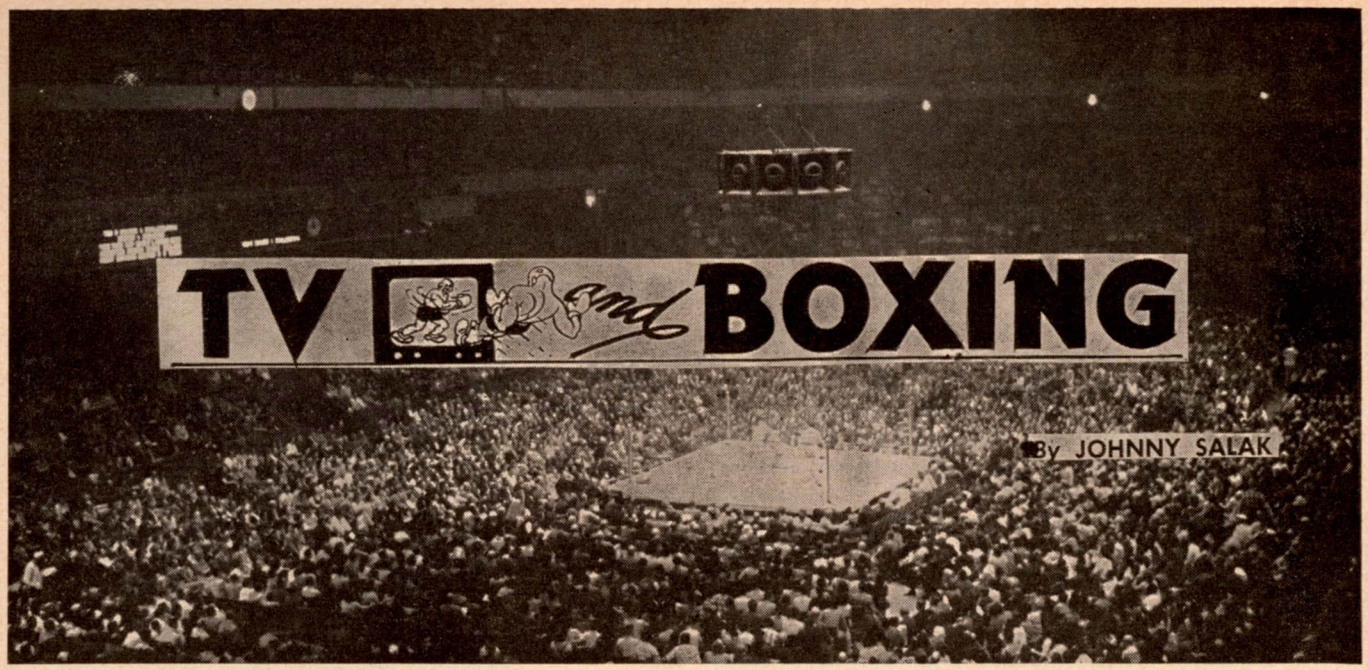
The smiling Canzoneri as he looked when he opened the doors of his Broadway tavern to his army of friends.

A family re-union. The little Italian boxer, admired by his kin, spends an afternoon at his home in the Hotel Harding the day following his victory over Benny Bass. Top row — left to right—brother Jasper, Tony's father and brother Joe. Middle row—his sister and mother. Bottom row, Tony and his brother Cyrus.

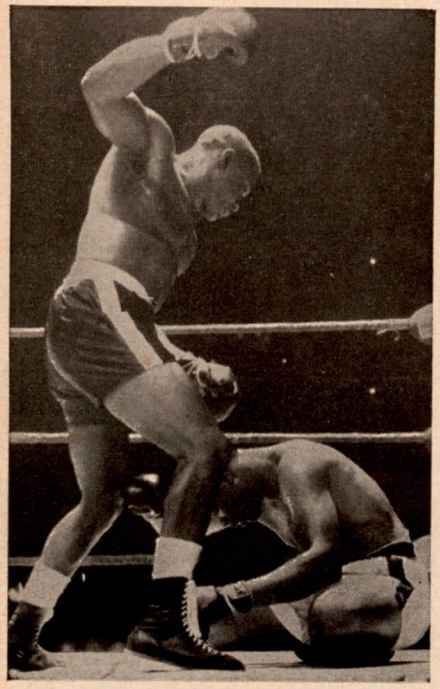


(Above left) Tony, left, posing with Al Singer, after their weigh-in for their bout on Dec. 14, 1928, which ended in a ten round draw. (Above right) A scene in the eighth round of the fight, when a left hook almost floored Singer, while Referee Lou Magnolia looked on.



TV and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK



Sonny Liston, seen bludgeoning Nino Valdes into a three round knockout, was in four bouts in 1959, all knockout wins on national TV and was voted TV Fighter of The Year in fan popularity poll.

SONNY Liston, a well-muscled heavyweight who looks like a champion performed in a like manner during the year just closed, appearing in four bouts, all on nationally television hook-ups, and scored four knockouts. He placed himself dangerously close to a title shot and emerged as the TV Fighter of The Year. His victims, in order, were Mike DeJohn, Cleve Williams, Nino Valdes and Willi Besmanoff.

The rare appearance of a heavyweight champion on home-free TV, Floyd Patterson, then title holder, knocking out Brian London of England, failed to garner for Floyd any support in the annual popularity poll, the bout for the most part being dismal and lacklustre. His subsequent overwhelming defeat at the hands of Ingemar Johansson, seen on theatre-TV, did not help.

Runner-up to the sizzling Liston was Belting Joe Becerra who tore apart Alphonse Halimi in winning the world bantomweight title. It was Becerra's only national appearance on TV but gained tremendous support for him.

Third spot went to Davey Moore, the Springfield Rifleman who shot Hogan (Kid) Bassey full of blood-spouting holes as he took the featherweight title from The Kid and then repeated his performance, both on TV.

Gene Fullmer, who gave a dazzling display in winning N. B. A. honors as middleweight champion in a bout with Carmen Basilio was fourth. His previous appearance on TV, with Willie Greaves, and then his subsequent one, a title defense against Spider Webb, saw Fullmer as his usual plodding self, but those efforts could not take away from the brilliant show against Basilio.

The 1959 TV Fan Poll saw a tremendous turnover from the previous year, with no less than twelve new names catching the fancy of the TV crowd. Those who failed to make the jump from 1958 to 1959 were Carmen Basilio, Tony Anthony, Yvon Durelle, Carlos Ortiz, Nino Valdes (ranked second to sixth in the 1958 voting), Ralph Dupas, Johnny Busso, Virgil Akins, Pat McMurtry, Isaac Logart, Sugar Hart and Ralph (Tiger) Jones.

The fighters who replaced them were Becerra, Davey Moore, Fullmer, Charley Scott, Len Matthews, Florentino Fernandez, Dick Tiger, Willie Toweel, Joey Giardello, Eddie Machen, Rudell Stitch and Alex Miteff.

TV FAN POOL

Below are listed the twenty most popular fighters seen in nationally televised bouts during 1959, according to the fan poll we conducted. Figure in parenthesis denotes the number of times fighter appeared on network TV during the year.

1. SONNY LISTON (4)
2. JOE BECERRA (1)
3. DAVEY MOORE (2)
4. GENE FULLMER (3)
5. ARCHIE MOORE (1)
6. JOE BROWN (4)
7. SPIDER WEBB (3)
8. DON JORDAN (2)
9. CHARLEY SCOTT (3)
10. LEN MATTHEWS (5)
11. FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ (3)
12. DICK TIGER (6)
13. WILLIE TOWEEL (1)
14. JOEY GIARDELLO (4)
15. EDDIE MACHEN (3)
16. KENNY LANE (3)
17. RUDELL STITCH (5)
18. ALEX MITEFF (4)
19. GASPAR ORTEGA (6)
20. RORY CALHOUN (3)

The eight who carried over from 1958 to 1959 were Liston, Archie Moore, Joe Brown, Spider Webb, Don Jordan, Kenny Lane, Gaspar Ortega and Rory Calhoun.

There were many thrilling bouts to choose from for TV Fight of The Year but in the final analysis Joe Becerra's stunning, thorough demolishment of Alphonse Halimi for the world bantamweight crown, stood out in sharp relief. Strong support for this honor was accorded to Willie Toweel's victory over Len Matthews, which, saw the South African come back from two knockouts in the eighth round and fight back to win a close, but clear cut decision. Gene Fullmer's surprisingly easy and well-fought victory over bearcat Carmen Basilio ranked high on the list also.

Another sharp drop was seen (or not seen) in the number of professional network TV shows, with but 95 being screened in 1959. The totals for the previous five years were: 1954–209; 1955–166; 1956–155; 1957–152; 1958–133. The steady decline is a healthy sign for the sport which a few years ago was glutted with TV shows. The 1959 drop was mainly attributed to the fact that the St. Nicholas Arena shows (and its successor, the Academy of Music in New York are no longer telecast. Several dates usually allotted to pro bouts were pre-empted for other shows.

Last year's figure was made up of 49 Wednesday Night Shows (ABC-TV), and 46 on Friday night (NBC-TV), 24 from Madison Square Garden and 22 emanating from other centers.

With the decrease in the number of televised shows quite naturally came a drop in the number of fighters seen on network TV, the 1959 figure being 91. The totals for the previous five years were: 1954–159; 1955–130; 1956–130; 1957–130; 1958–114.

Two fighters wound up tied for most network TV appearances for 1959, Gasper Ortega, the all-action Mexican-Indian welterweight, and British Empire middleweight champion who hails from Nigeria, Dick Tiger, both being screened six times. But the Tiger-man was the actual winner for he hit the big money in six-out-of-six starts, commencing in June when he arrived on American shores. Tiger was viewed in a drawing and losing bout with Rory Calhoun, a win over Gene Armstrong, a win and loss with Joe Giardello and his year-end bout with Holly Mims.

Gaspar Ortega took down the TV money in 6 of his eight contests, against Denny Moyer, Rudell Stitch (twice), Benny Paret and Florentino Fernandez (twice).

The most-screened fighter of 1958, Mickey Crawford, with seven appearances, failed to show in 1959, the Saginaw Kid having retired after being stopped by Ralph (Tiger) Jones and having one bout in 1959.

Following Dick Tiger and Gaspar Ortega in the race for most TV performances were Tony Anthony, Rudell Stitch, Alzono Johnson and Len Matthews, all screened five times. On the Magic Lantern four times were Holly Mims, Sonny Ray, Joey Giardello, Joe Brown, Sonny Liston, Luis Rodriguez, Gene (Ace) Armstrong and Alex Miteff. Thirteen fighters were screened three times.

Only one bout was seen on theatre-TV during 1959, and that was an artistic, if not financial, success. Ingemar Johansson, the Swedish thunderbolt, blasted Floyd Patterson loose from the world heavyweight title in three rounds, the final round seeing Patterson dropped seven times. While the bout grossed $469,650 at Yankee Stadium, it did $716,164 worth of business in theatres throughout the country. In addition, radio revenue brought in $106,750 and the films, with revenue still coming in from around the world, having a potential gross earnings of some $500,000.

Below are listed some of the major fights of 1959 which were on home television, with figures showing how the actual gross compared with the TV and/or radio take:

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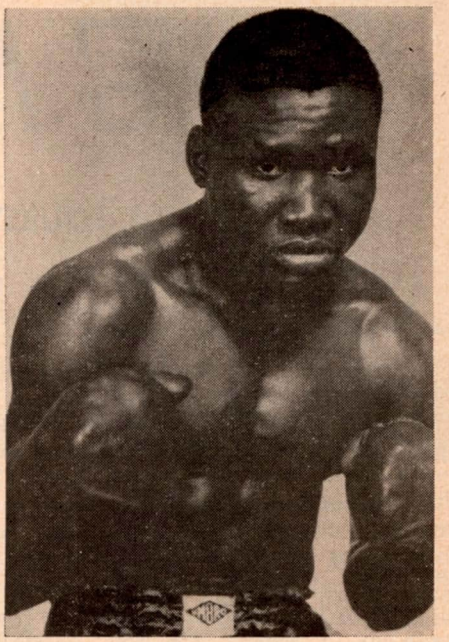
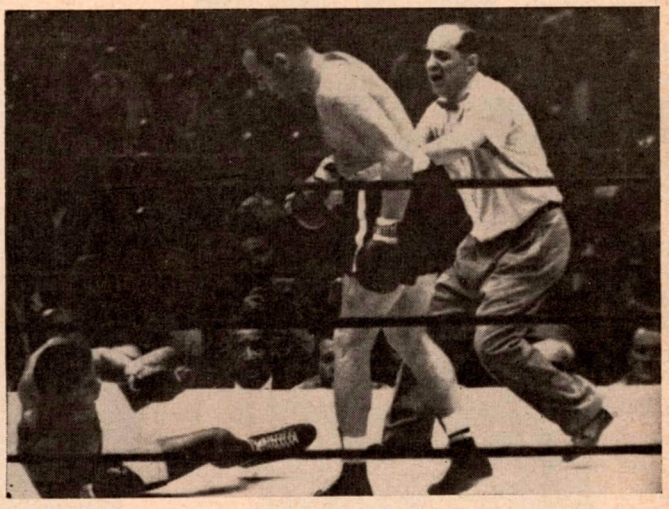


Dick Tiger of Nigeria, British Empire middleweight champion, shared honors with Gaspar Ortega for most television appearances for 1959, both being screened six times. Tiger hit on six-out-of-six, all in last seven months of year.



Only one bout was on closed circuit, theatre TV during 1959, Ingemar Johansson's world heavyweight title winning stunner against Floyd Patterson, Patterson being dropped seven times in unbelievable third round.

The TV Fight of The Year was Belting Joe Becerra's (left) astonishing eight round slaughter of Alphonse Halimi for the world bantamweight title. Becerra was a veritable dynamo as he chopped apart Halimi.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

A YEAR ago this corner made the prophecy that 1959 would see wrestling reach new peaks and ingrain itself even more firmly in the ways of sporting people around the globe. This statement has more than lived up to expectations.

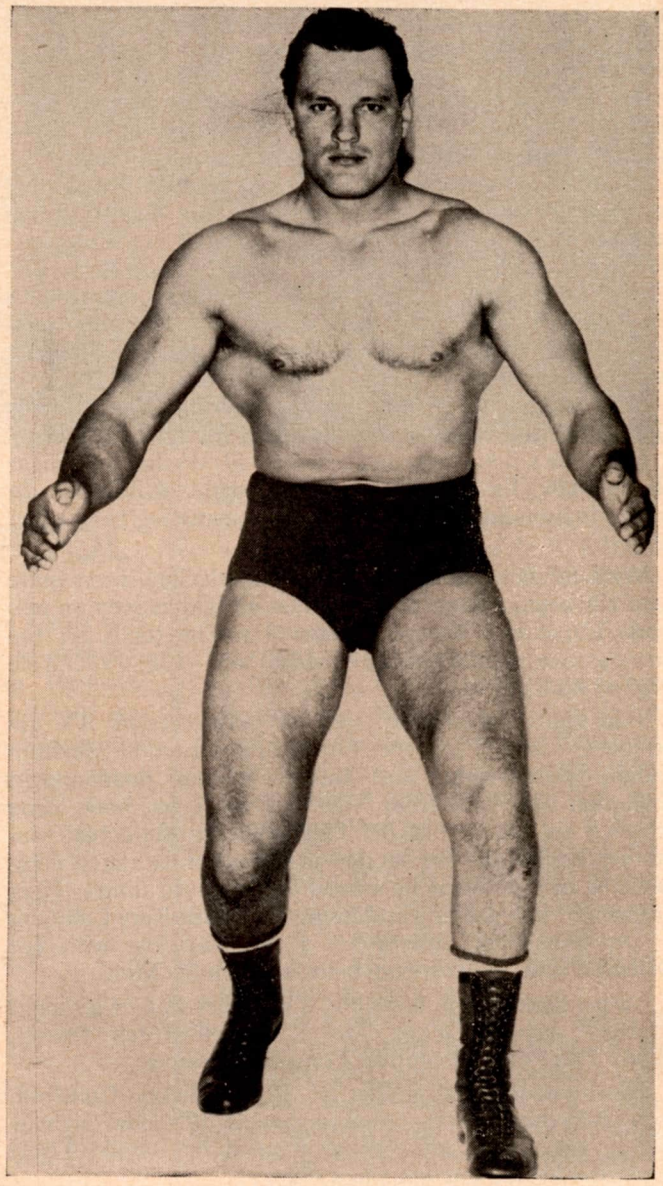
The mat game has continued to outdraw boxing with some 274 wrestling cards employing over 1600 mat men on a weekly basis throughout the U. S. alone. Boxing, has increased the number of shows run weekly in U.S., averaging twenty-two per seven day span, an increase of two boxing shows a week. During the same period, wrestling has added some two hundred wrestlers to its roles and thirty-four more weekly shows than was put on a year ago.

There have been some soft spots but almost every major territory has reported an increase over 1958 in both revenue and attendance during 1959.

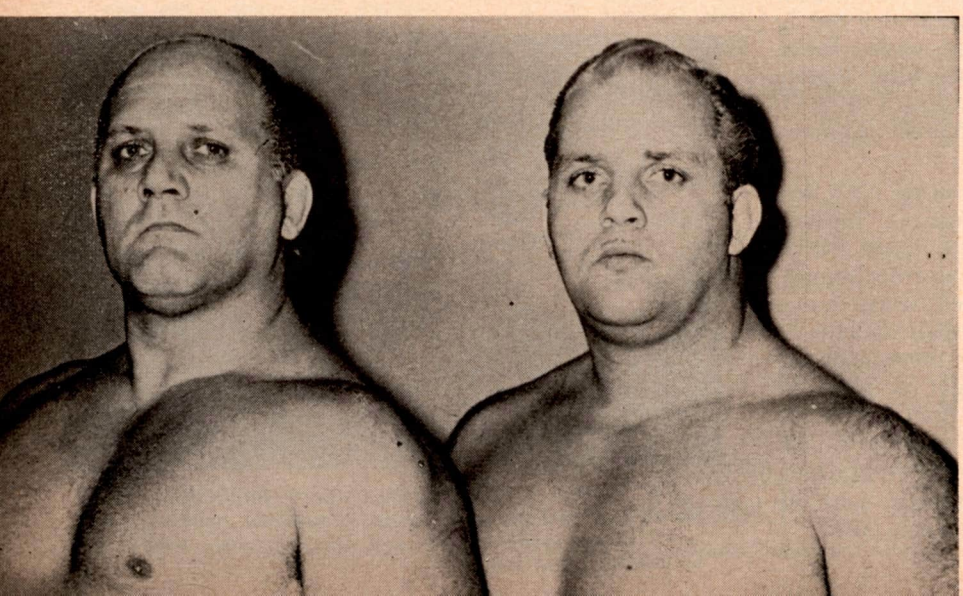
Madison Square Garden, New York, continues to pace the nation with eleven cards drawing 165,676 fans, who paid $489,239.49 to witness their favorite pastime. Largest Garden gate was $64,125 with 21,890 paid admissions to see Antonino Rocca dispose of the Amazing Zuma for the second time in several weeks, in the time of 10:57, when Rocca threw his smaller foe out of the ring.

Some gates that indicate the wrestling draw: Albuquerque, New Mexico, drew as many as 6,000 fans to a single show; Montreal, Canada, weighed in with a Killer Kowalski-Hans Schmidt card at Delormier Stadium that drew 33,265 with a $21,000 gate; Fresno, California's Memorial Stadium set a new record when Georgeous George met Ramon Torres; Indianapolis packs them in constantly with several 6,000 fan attractions; Houston, Tex, has been among the big draws as has Buffalo and Ohio. The entire Pacific Coast region, the South, New England and Canada territories have established new records.

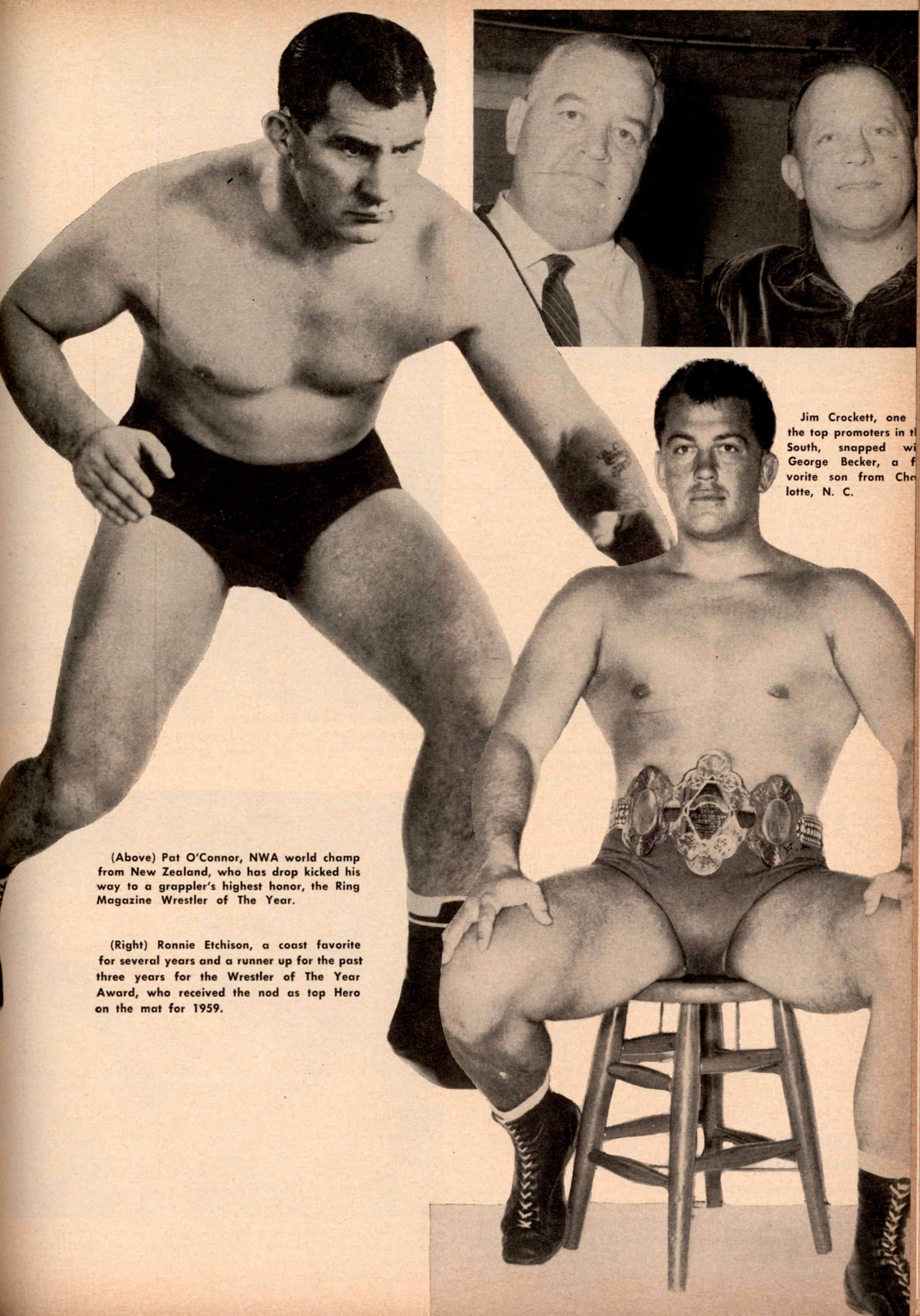
A few of the interesting events that occurred during the past year as reported to us by our correspondents—Don Jordan's comment on the night Haystack Calhoun opposed three different opponents on the same card at New Haven,



Wladek "Killer" Kowalski, 6' 7", 275 pounder from Detroit, Michigan, who garnered The Ring's highest award for a rough grappler falling into the "meanie" category—Villain of The Year.



The Gallagher Brothers, Doc and Mike, a fearsome twosome, who spread havoc among opponents and delighted fans in East and Ohio territory.



(Above) Pat O'Connor, NWA world champ from New Zealand, who has drop kicked his way to a grappler's highest honor, the Ring Magazine Wrestler of The Year.

(Right) Ronnie Etchison, a coast favorite for several years and a runner up for the past three years for the Wrestler of The Year Award, who received the nod as top Hero on the mat for 1959.

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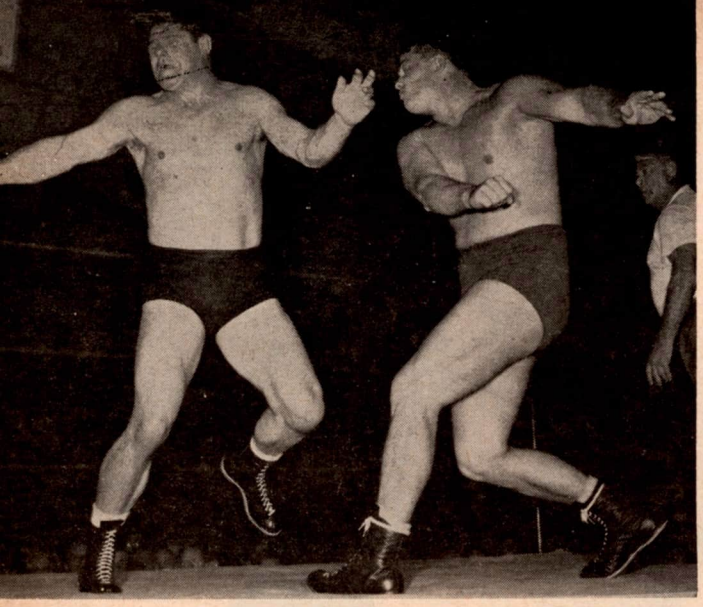


Ron Etchison, 1959 Hero of The Year, in action. Ronnie belts Hardboiled Haggerty to return punishment he had previously received and went on to a victory over the villain.

Connecticut; Ed Briggs words on Gorgeous George losing his hair in Canada to Whipper Billy Watson on a side bet with Watson getting the hair, and Gil Smith from Canada, drawing attention to the fact that the Great Antonio, a 400 pounder, met and defeated four different rivals in the same ring on one night to establish something of a record.

Earle Yetter weighed in with his opinion that Promoter Pedro Martinez started an entire chain of events when he decided to open up the Ohio territory to television, thereby making a bevy of new wrestling fans. That nifty trick of Lord Athol Layton's, of announcing the bouts and challenging any grappler who didn't like his comments, would have to be considered as a top innovation.

All of which brings us to The Ring Magazine's big awards for 1959.

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR—PAT O'CONNOR

The Ring's top award was won by Pat O'Connor, who despite using a scientific, clean approach to the mat game was able to gain top popularity during the past year. His winning of the NWA crown from a man like Lou Thesz, who many had failed to defeat, goes down as an outstanding achievement.

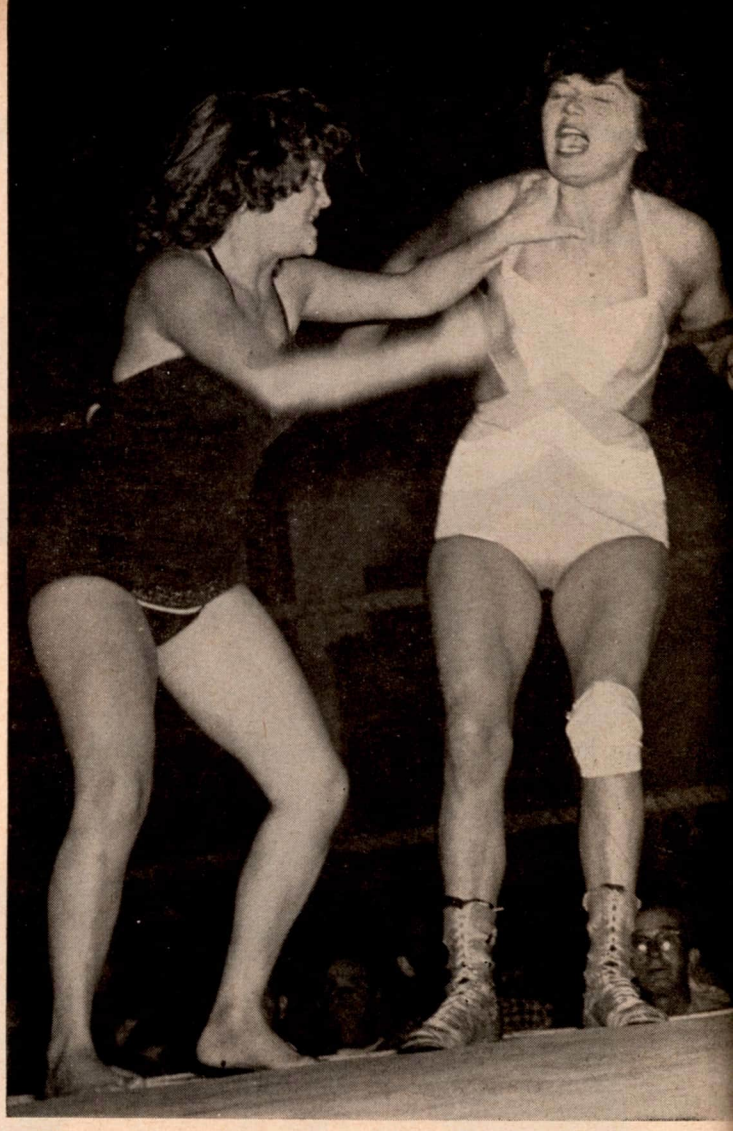
This was the first time that O'Connor, a high place favorite in the ratings during the past year, has cracked the list of those in the running for this award. Following close behind was last year's winner, Antonino Rocca, and runner-up for three years, Ronnie Etchison, as well as Ricki Starr, Enrique Torres, Killer Kowalski, Lord Athol Layton, Edward Carpentier and the Amazing Zuma.

HERO OF THE YEAR—RONNIE ETCHISON

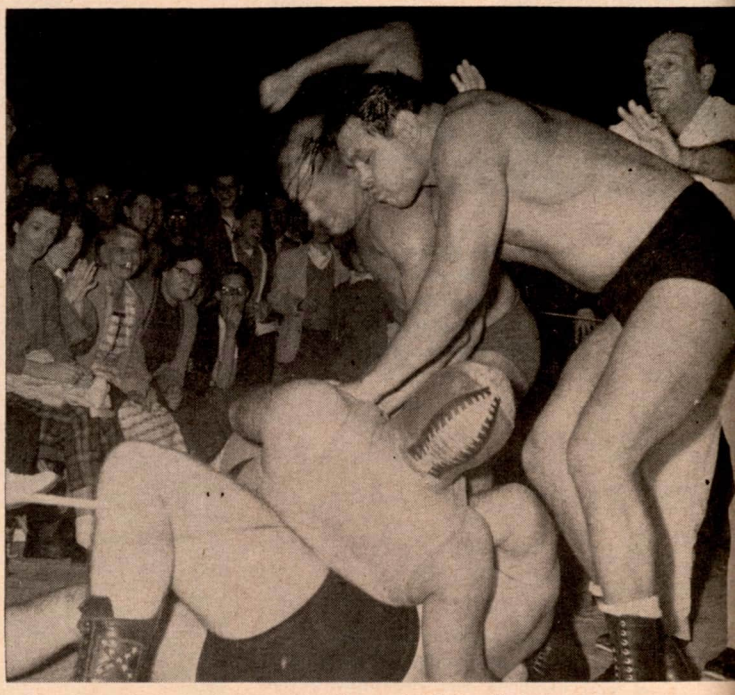
As we all know, this is the era of heroes and villains and what would the bad men do without their counterparts. In 1959 the choice of top hero goes to Etchison (also a Wrestler of The Year nominee) who was closely followed by last year's winner, Verne Gagne, Lou Thesz, Edward Carpentier, Antonino Rocca, Ricki Starr, Paul Anderson, Pierre Lemarin, Danny Plechas, and Count Billy Varga.

VILLAIN OF THE YEAR
VLADEK "KILLER" KOWALSKI

Close on the heels of Kowalski as the most "hated" villain was Dr. Jerry Graham, Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis, Ski Hi Lee, Hans Schmidt, Bull Curry, Danny McShain, Gene Kiniski, Taro Myaki, Fritz Von Erich, Stan Kowalski, Don Leo Jonathon, Skull Murphy, The Shiek and Haystack Calhoun.



1959 saw girl wrestling reach new heights. Seen here in typical action Barbara Baker (left) roughing up Mae Young in a Hampton, Virginia match that had the fans screaming.



The Great Bolo and Larry Hamilton, decided villains, getting a dose of their own medicine from team composed of Enrique Torres and George Becker, who went on to win the Texas Death Battle. (Photo by Gene Gordon)

McShain, Ski Hi Lee and Dick "The Bruiser" were all in the running for 1958 nominations and have maintained their places at the head of the meanies.

TAG TEAM FOR 1959
DOC AND MIKE GALLAGHER

This award is given in appreciation of the blood transfusion given to the wrestling sport by the participants in this branch. When wrestling was at its low ebb several years back it was the tag teams that first started the game back to a place in the sun. When the freaks and straight stuff failed the tag teams packed the fans into the arenas.

A top combo of mayhem, the Gallaghers, have come along to head up the list for this award for 1959 and are in close competition with last year's winners, Dr. Jerry and Eddie Graham. Of interest are the several votes that came in for the Jerry Graham-Johnny Valentine, team which became activated toward the close of 1959 when Eddie Graham decided to retire from wrestling in favor of a business career.

"Murder Incorporated," composed of Big Stan Kowalski, left, and Tiny Mills, a new heavyweight tag team which arrived in U. S. after winning a Tag Team Tourney in Japan early in 1959. A couple of rough lads to watch.

Ben and Mike Sharpe, close seconds for two years running, were close to the top spot again this year. Ivan and Earl Kalmikoff, Collins and Dupre, and Doug and Red Donovan were new names to gain recognition in the ballots, with repeaters Rocca and Perez and The Fargo Brothers also coming in high in the voting.

Due to the problem of space in this issue, the Fan Club Corner and the Popularity Poll is left out as are several columns but all will be continued in our next issue.

PACIFIC COAST *By Ed Briggs*

Pacific coast wrestling has ended with a banner year for coast promoters and 1960 looks to be the best in several years. The western wrestling territory has long been known and described by those who should know, as a virtual "goldmine" for matsters. Such California cities as San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, and San Diego have successfully run shows every week during 1959 and have had their share of good wrestlers and huge crowds. Such all-time crowd pleasers as the Sharpe brothers, Enrique Ramon and Alberto Torres, Ronnie Etchison, Bobo Brazil, Clyde Steeves, Buddy Rogers, Stan Kowalski, Tiny Mills, Tom Rice, Gorgeous George, Argentina Rocca, Art Michalik, Sandor Szabo, Nick Bockwinkle, Hombre Montana, and "Strutter" Gene DuBuque have appeared throughout California during the year past. French crowd pleaser, Edward Carpentier also appeared during the latter part of 1959 and was a big sensation. Let's not forget the Fabulous Kangaroos, Al Costello and Roy Heffernan, or their new trainer and manager, the veteran Kansan "Wild Red" Berry. The threesome were immediate sensations.

Big time wrestler Ronnie (Wonder Boy) Etchison (the Santa Cruz, California, crowd pleaser, had another big year out west. Formerly hailing from St. Joseph, Mo., speedy young Etchison has set up residence in the sunny California coastal resort city and is doing extremely well. Highly ranked and rated not only in his home region but throughout the wrestling world, Ronnie has been a top contender for the Ring Magazine "Wrestler of The Year" award for three years. Ronnie, a giant swing-dropkick specialist, has received a raft of wires to appear in various sections of the nation and Australia, but has turned down all offers in favor of the west coast . . . for the time being at least.

Ben and Mike Sharpe, posing with the cup that is emblematic of their Tag Team crown. As rough as they come, the Sharpes are basically Pacific Coast property but have been seen in the East and other sections of U. S.

Roy Heffernan and Al Costello, who scored heavily in wins and box office pull in New York, are currently big attractions in California. Roy and Al are natives of Sydney, Australia, and have made a big hit as tag team partners. They toss cardboard souvenir boomerangs to the audience and apparently have worked out a team style that is near to perfection. The colorful Kansas Sunflower, "Wild Red" Berry now tours with the two Aussies as trainer and dietician.

Just about the best young wrestler to emerge from the "new wrestler" division in professional wrestling, in our books, is young crewcut heavyweight Nickie Bockwinkle. Young Nickie is the latest "boy wonder" of matdom.

Big Stan Kowalski and new teammate Tiny Mills have left the west coast in a state of turmoil and are currently rampaging their way in Minnesota. Stan, the "Boo" kid of the villain wrestling ranks, and his team-mate Mills, toured 17 different countries since leaving the United States in mid-1958. At Honolulu, they captured the Territorial team trophy. At Tokyo, Japan, Mills and Kowalski whipped the top team entrants in a tournament to take the International Team Title.

ANOTHER NEW FACE DEPT.: Young Joey Swiderski, the pride of San Francisco promoter Joe Malcewicz, is fast racking up wins since receiving his discharge from the

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MAX ADELBERT BAER

THE MAGNIFICENT ONE

Max Baer and brother Buddy sharing a joke with Mike Jacobs, boxing's big promoter during the 1940's. Below: Max preparing makeup for his stage debut at Loew's State theatre in New York. He had already made a successful invasion of Hollywood.

The Madcap Of Boxing Was A Combination Actor, Commentator, And All-Around Good Fellow . . . And Competent

By **NAT LOUBET**

SOME men are born whose personalities are destined to leave their stamp upon the world. Such a man was born at Omaha, Nebraska on February 11, 1909. He was christened Maximilian Baer but was to become known as Max Adelbert Baer by the sportwriters who were to label him as having the physical equipment to become one of the greatest boxers of all time.

All who came into contact with Baer were captivated by his magnetic personality. He was a man bubbling over with friendliness and incessant witticisms.

Jack Johnson was heavyweight champion of the world when Baer was born and twenty-five years later, Johnson sat at ringside to witness Baer at his best win boxing's most coveted title from Primo Carnera.

Charley Rose, veteran fight manager, voiced the opinion of those at ringside that night when he said:

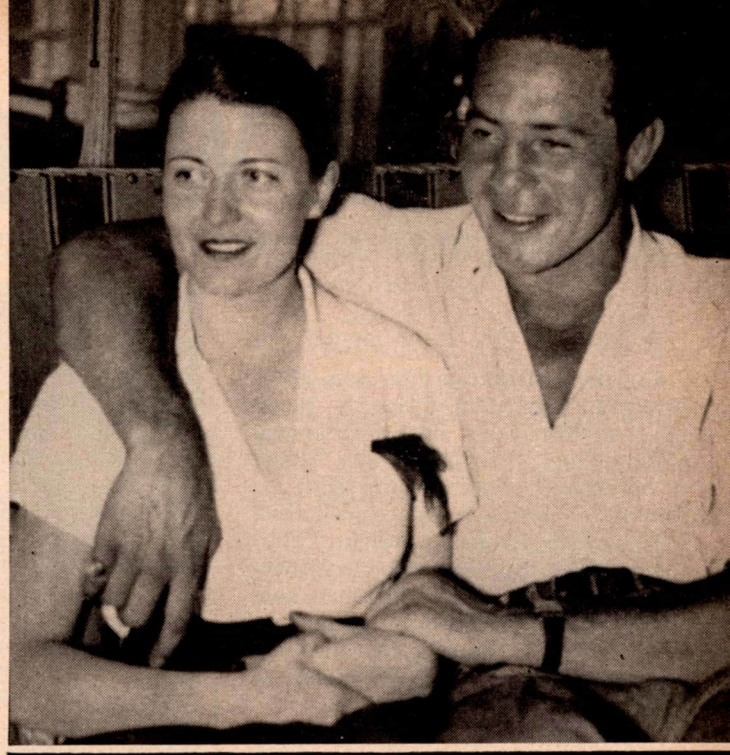
"Baer will be ruler of the heavyweight roost for many years to come."

Actually Max held the crown for only 363 days before he lost it to Jimmy Braddock in one of boxing's big upsets.

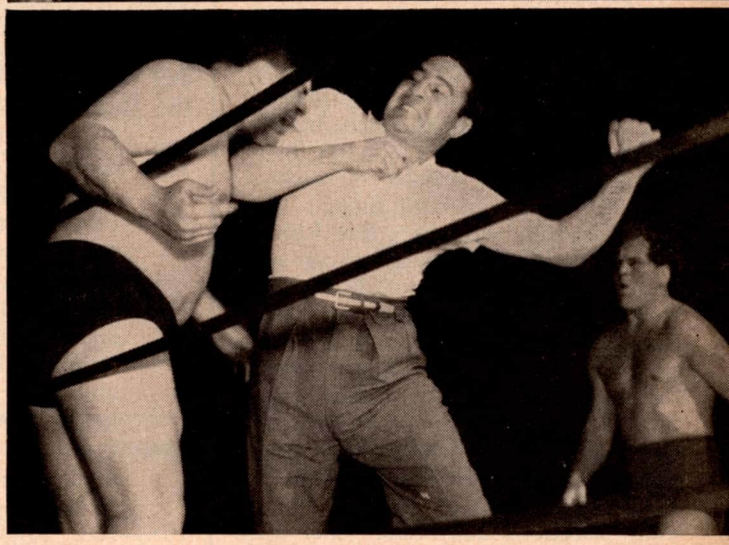
Johnson has been picked by Nat Fleischer as the all time heavyweight great whereas Baer has become one of the most pleasant memories to have passed through pugilistic halls.

Max never reached the pinnacle of greatness forecast for him but he left many large footprints. He was only four years old when the Baers moved to Haywood, Colorado where they resided until Max was twelve, and the family, composed of his brother Buddy, Mother, Father and sis-

Left: Baer as he looked in his prime as the heavyweight champion of the world.



Right: This photo was taken of Max with his bride, the former Mary Ellen Sullivan at Long Branch, New Jersey, with whom he lived happily ever after and had three children.



Right: Maxie brought the same colorful personality into the ring as a wrestling referee as he did in any endeavor at which he tried his hand.

ters, decided on Livermore, California, as their home.

Max's father, who had been boss of a cattle-killing plant, bought a ranch in Livermore and the future champ grew up as a cowpoke.

Somewhere along the line the boxing bug bit him. According to Baer:

"My mother was peculiar for a woman—she loved boxing and wanted a heavyweight champion in the family. But it was my brother Buddy who was labeled as the future champ. Me, I was just going to be a cattle rancher like my father."

At sixteen Max was a perfectly proportioned 200 pounder and in looking back on that period, Max had this to say:

"I was afraid to fight in those days and actually it was my big sister Frances who was still fighting my battles for me. I was the big, nice, faint-hearted guy, who could be beaten by anyone."

At this point of his career Max may not have been a fighting man but he held down a man's job. He was a cattle killer, as had been his father in those early years before California. He spent from ten to fourteen hours a day swinging a hugh cleaver and the short meat axe that developed his right arm.

Max was no faint-hearted prissy.

"I'd bite clean through muscle, sinew and bone," said Baer, *"and this was the work that gave me my right hand punch. I loved it. The more gory the better . . . I had the glorious feeling of sheer physical power."*

When had he first become the gay blade of his halycon days?

"I didn't know how to dance until after I was twenty and I had no girl friends . . . I was scared of them in those days," laughed Maxie when discussing his youth while in The Ring office only a few weeks before his death. His glamorous girl friends of stage, screen and society would have found that statement hard to believe.

When did Max start his fistic career? It is little known but it all began at a weekly dance near Livermore. Let Max's own words tell it.

"A few of the boys and I found a jug of wine in a lumberjack's car," his laugh boomed out. *"Needless to say it soon disappeared. It was damn funny until the lumberjack discovered his loss and came searching for those who had borrowed a drink. We hadn't been so smart and the jug was lying empty on the table with all of us sitting around.*

"You should have seen the face on that guy when he spotted the jug. He turned purple and came at us. I was no fighter and lammed it for a door. I didn't make it and became trapped between the door and a wall.

"I saw this guy who looked like a house come at me and honestly I was scared to death. It seemed like years but in a few seconds I saw this guy pull back his fist and let it fly. It caught me on the jaw. When I didn't go down I think that blow changed the entire course of my life.

"My fear of fighting dropped from me in that second," Baer continued.

"There being nothing else to do I socked this guy with my own right and was a little surprised to see him fold like a sack of beans . . . and that was my first fight."

Max was about eighteen when he decided to take a crack at professional fighting and like many a youngster had a hard time getting a start.

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ANNUAL WORLD RATINGS

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By NAT FLEISCHER

For the first time in five years, three boxers are ranked in a class by themselves in The Ring's thirty-fifth annual world ratings. They are Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio, featherweight; Joe Becerra of Mexico, bantam and Pascual Perez of Argentina, flyweight. They earned the distinction by performances that placed them far above their contenders. Their superiority is unquestioned, despite the fact that in their respective divisions, there is plenty of top talent.

In 1955, Rocky Marciano, Archie Moore and Carmen Basilio were in a niche by themselves and in past years only occasionally have others been so honored. Joe Brown, the lightweight king would have made the grade had he not fought a draw in a non-title bout with Joey Parks of Omaha, Nebraska.

In the latest rankings, though The Ring Magazine recognizes Ray Robinson as world middleweight king and Gene Fullmer, the National Boxing Association champion, Fullmer, not Sugar Ray, is listed the top man in our first group. Inactivity that brought about the dual championship claims when the National Boxing Association vacated Robinson's throne, has caused the former great welter and middleweight to lose his high standing in our world selections, and unlike other title holders who are the top men in Group Number One, Ray finds himself down in third place with Fullmer and Spider Webb, who was beaten in a close bout by Gene, occupying first and second positions respectively.

These are the highlights of the 1959 World Ranking of Boxers. Robinson's failure to defend his crown, and his defiance of those who rule over the sport forced the action that was taken by the majority of the boxing commissions in order to keep legitimate contenders from rusting. If Robinson's title defense against Paul Pender in Boston is successful, a bout with Fullmer should settle the matter of supremacy. But considering the year's performances with Ray boxing only once, Fullmer definately is entitled to the outstanding position among the middleweights.

As for Webb, by reason of his brilliant record and his close title bout with Fullmer which he lost and which brought a storm of protests, he is entitled to be placed immediately below the man who defeated him.

In no other class have we rated a champion lower than the top man in his division. From heavyweights to the flyweights, the rankings show the following leading their respective classes:

Heavyweights, Ingemar Johansson of Sweden; light heavyweights, Archie Moore of San Diego, Cal.; welterweights, Don Jordan of Los Angeles, Cal.; lightweights, Joe Brown of Baton Rouge, La.; featherweights, Davey Moore of Springfield, Ohio; bantamweights, Joe Becerra of Mexico, and flyweights, Pascual Perez of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Archie Moore, who won the light heavyweight crown in 1952, not only is the oldest of all boxers in active competition, but has kept his crown the longest, with Perez, who defeated Yoshio Shirai of Japan for the flyweight crown in November, 1954, next in line.

In Group One of the heavyweight division, six world boxers are listed, with Johansson, the champion, heading the group. Floyd Patterson, Zora Folley, Charley Sonny Liston, Eddie Machen and Henry Cooper of England, complete the list.

The second group, headed by Roy Harris of Cut and Shoot, Texas, contains ten names, among them, next to Harris, lanky Billy Hunter of Detroit who is making rapid strides. Of the sixteen numerically listed heavyweights ten come from the United States, two from England, one each from Sweden, Wales, Cuba and Argentina.

Failure of Archie Moore to put his title on the line against Harold Johnson of Philadelphia was the cause of considerable criticism during the year, but with N.B.A. pressure, the Pennsylvanian will most likely get his chance next spring or summer. Harold is rated next to Archie in Group One of the light heavyweights with a German, Erich Schoppner, below him. This trio stands out in the division in a group by themselves.

Ten boxers are listed in Group Two, with retired Yvon Durelle whom Moore twice halted, topping them and Mike Holt of South Africa next in line. Included in the second group are Johnny Halafihi of Tonga, Chic Calderwood of Scotland and Sante Amonti of Italy. Tony Anthony who competed most of the year as a top light heavyweight is ranked in that division.

Carmen Basilio, former welter and middleweight king, rates behind Robinson in fourth place in the first group of middleweights with Gustav Scholz of Germany and Joey Giardello of Philadelphia winding up the choice set.

There are seven names listed in the second section, with rising Henry Hank of Detroit, Dick Tiger of Nigeria, the top two.

Fourteen boxers are numerically grouped in the welter class, six in the

HOW THE 1959 TOP MEN COMPARED WITH 1958's.

Here is a comparison of the No. 1 boxers in the latest world rankings and the runners-up and those of the previous year:

HEAVY WEIGHTS

1959—Ingemar Johansson, Champion and Floyd Patterson

1958—Floyd Patterson, Champion and Ingemar Johansson

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

1959—Archie Moore, Champion and Harold Johnson

1958—Archie Moore, Champion and Tony Anthony

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1959—Gene Fullmer (N.B.A. Champion) and Spider Webb

1958—Ray Robinson, Champion and Gene Fullmer

WELTERWEIGHTS

1959—Don Jordan, Champion and Luis Rodriguez

1958—Don Jordan, Champion and Virgil Akins

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1959—Joe Brown, Champion and Carlos Ortiz

1958—Joe Brown, Champion and Kenny Lane

FEATHERWEIGHTS

1959—Davey Moore, Champion and Hogan (Kid) Bassey

1958—Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Champion and Davey Moore

BANTAMWEIGHTS

1959—Joe Becerra, Champion and Alphonse Halimi

1958—Alphonse Halimi, Champion and Raul Macias

FLYWEIGHTS

1959—Pascual Perez, Champion and Pone Kingpetch

1958—Pascual Perez, Champion and Ramon Arias

first division and seven in the second. Charley Scott of Philadelphia, who made best progress during 1959, follows on the heels of Jordan's leading challenger with Luis Rodriguez of Cuba. Denny Moyer of Portland, Oregon, heads Group two.

Only three fighters are named in Group One among the lightweights—Carlos Ortiz, New York's Junior welter champion ranked behind title holder Brown and Paola Rosi of New York in third place.

This is the only division which contains three numerical sections.

Six boxers are ranked in Group Two, with Dave Charnley of England topping the list and six in the third division, with Johnny Busso the leader. Raymundo Torres of Mexico occupies a place below Charnley with Willie Toweel of South Africa under him.

The feathers, in which Davey Moore the champion is listed alone in the first group, has twelve in Group Two, headed by Hogan Kid Bassey of Nigeria, twice stopped by Moore. Ricardo Gonzales of Argentina follows, with Harold Gomes, Junior Lightweight champion, third.

Joe Becerra of Mexico, who won his crown by stopping Alphonse Halimi of France, finds his victim topping the second group as Joe's leading challenger. Leo Espinosa and Freddie Gilroy are next in line.

There is only one boxer from the United States in the bantam or flyweight divisions in the numerically grouped sectors.

Perez, who successfully defended his crown in Japan against Kenji Yonekura and Sadao Yaoita, after losing a no-decision bout to the latter, continued to display his power against top talent. He is now matched to meet Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, who heads Group Two and is the outstanding challenger.

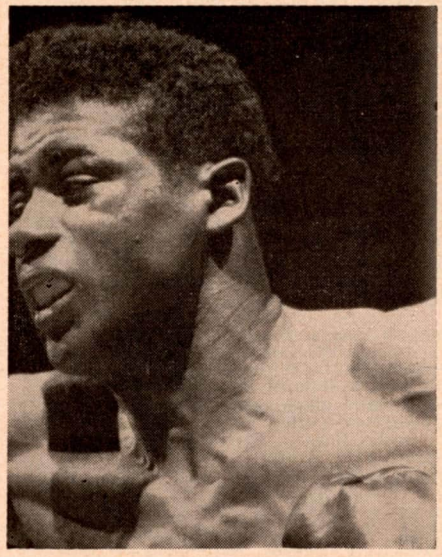
Ten nations are represented in this division, a proof that boxing, like The Ring magazine, circles the globe.

That boxing has taken a firm hold throughout the universe, is evident from the fact that 63 countries are represented in the 2077 boxers listed in the selections. These have been gathered from a total of close to 5782 registered young men who fought one or more professional bouts in 1959. But only those who had at least three contests and did not retire early during the year, were considered in the selection of the various divisions.

The largest number of competitors came from the welterweight class in which 419 are classified. Next comes the lightweight with 379 listed.

The middleweights have, 310; the feathers, 263; the bantams, 220, light heavyweights, 192 one more than the heavyweight class and the flyweights have the least with only 103 boxers classified few are from the United States.

The total is about 1400 less than in 1959, showing a big drop in the number of competitors. The biggest gains were made in Mexico and the Far East, especially in Manila.



FLOYD PATTERSON

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion

Ingemar Johansson, Sweden

Group I

1—Ingemar Johansson, Sweden
2—Floyd Patterson, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
3—Zora Folley, Chandler, Arizona
4—Charley (Sonny) Liston, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Eddie Machen, Redding, Calif.
6—Henry Cooper, England

Group II

1—Roy Harris, Cut and Shoot, Texas
2—Billy Hunter, Detroit, Mich.
3—Alex Miteff, Argentina
4—Mike DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.
5—Joe Erskine, Wales
6—Nino Valdes, Cuba
7—Alonzo Johnson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
8—Willie Pastrano, Miami, Fla.
9—Charlie Powell, San Diego, Calif.
10—Brian London, England

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Joey Armstrong, Ghana; Willi Besmanoff, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Wayne Bethea, New York, N. Y.; Giacomo Bozzano, Italy; Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, BWI.

George Chuvalo, Canada; Jose Georgetti, Argentina; Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Hans Kalbfell, Germany; Pat McMurtry, Tacoma, Wash.; Ulli Nitzschke, Germany; Dick Richardson, Wales; Bruno Scarabellin, Italy.

Reuben Vargas, Richmond, Calif.; Albert Westphal, Germany; Cleveland Williams, Houston, Texas; Massimo Zanaboni, Italy; Alfredo Zuany, Mexico.

Class B

Torner Ahsman, Sweden; Adriano Amati, Italy; Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rinaldo Ansaloni, Argentina; Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pietro Baldini, Italy; Max Brianto, France; Ossi Buttner, Germany.

Harold Carter, Linden, N. J.; Franco Cavicchi, Italy; Alain Cherville, Belgium; LaMar Clark, Cedar City, Utah; Bob Cleroux, Canada.

Frankie Daniels, Bakersfield, Calif.; Gawie deKlerk, South Africa; Hans Friedrich, Germany; Federico Frisco, Italy; Jose Gonzales, Spain.

David Hamman, South Africa; Alan Hands, England; Johnny Hayden, Phoenix, Arizona; Joe Hemphill, Chicago, Ill.; Howard King, Reno, Nevada; Ilkka Koski, Finland.

Kitione Lave, Touga; Curley Lee, Los Angeles, Calif.; Warnell Lester, Bel Air, Md.; Terry Lewis, Spokane, Wash.; George Logan, Boise, Idaho.

Tom McNeely, Arlington, Mass.; Francis Magnetto, France; George Mahoni, Tonga; Maurice Mols, France; Robert Archie Moore, Ghana; Pete Rademacher, Columbus, Ga.; Dave Rent, England; Ulli Ritter, Germany.

Manfred Schneider, Germany; Vittorio Stagni, Italy; Art Swiden, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ernest Terrell, Chicago, Ill.; Buddy Turman, Tyler, Texas.

Werner Walloschek, Germany; Don Warner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bert Whitehurst, Baltimore, Md.; Lee Williams, Boston, Mass.

Class C

Bob Albright, San Fernando, Calif.; Bonino Allevi, Italy; Tony Alongi, Miami, Fla.; Fritz Anton, Switzerland; Earl Atley, Kenneth Square, Pa.; Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kansas.

Dave Bailey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ray Batey, Corona, N. Y.; Willie Bell, Syracuse, N. Y.; Sergio Biggioggero, Italy; Emil Brtko, Pittsburgh, Pa.;; Calvin Butler, Cleveland, Ohio.

Achille Cadenazzi, Italy; Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ocie Chatmon, Oakland, Calif.; Willie Coleman, Detroit, Mich.; Antonio Crosia, Italy.

Louis DeBolster, Belgium; Francis Delannoy, France; Garnett Denny, Ireland; Robert Duquesne, France; Robert Eugene, Belgium; Benitto Favatto, Canada.

Charlie Forest, New York, N. Y.; Otis Fuller, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cecil Gray, Canada; Johnny Gray, Chicago, Ill.; Hastings Hart, Phoenix, Arizona; Franklin Haynes, Los Angeles, Calif.

Herman Henry, Oakland, Calif.; Dan Hodge, Wichita, Kansas; Charley Hood, Washington, D. C.; Tunny Hunsaker, Fayetteville, W. Va.

Johnny Iefata, Fiji Islands; Charlie Jones, Newark, N. J.; Floyd Joyner, Phoenix, Arizona; Fred Kaho, Tonga.

Ken Kelly, St. Paul, Minn.; Sifa Kivalu, Tonga; Alejandro Lavorante, Argentina; Al Kramp, Holland; Michel Lapourielle, France.

Dean McGowan (Bogany), Houston, Texas; Solomon McTier, Birmingham, Ala.; John Massey, Portland, Oregon; Sonny Moore, Dallas, Texas.

Willie Richardson, San Jose, Calif.; John Riggins, Detroit, Mich.; Joey Rowan, Phonenixville, Pa.; Garvin Sawyer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Paul Schiller, France;; Dave Shoulders, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Sullivan, San Francisco, Calif.

Waban Thomas, Charlotte, N. C.; Jack Toller, Ghana; Dan Vanderford, Greenville, S. C.; Eddie Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

Rudy Watkins, Baltimore, Md.; Allen Williams, Australia; Ollie Wilson, Hartford, Conn.; Jake Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Yorck, Norristown, Pa.; Larry Zernitz, New Haven, Conn.

Class D

Sherman Adams, Hartford, Conn.; Al Antonie, Houston, Texas; Sandy Assogna, Australia; Cornelius Brown, New York, N. Y.; Larry Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Byrd, Atlanta, Ga.

Mal Collins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ross Daniel, Odessa, Texas; Abe Davis, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Dilly, Jersey City, N. J.; Chubby Dues, Detroit, Mich.

Sam Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Tony Emanuel, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Fields, San Francisco, Calif.; Gorilla Gould, Evergalds, Fla.

Ken Griggs, Youngstown, Ohio; Donnie Hall, Louisville, Ky.; Herbert Hair, Pittsburgh, Calif.; Bobby Halpern, New York, N. Y.; Rufus Handsome, Philadelphia, Pa.; Freeman Hardin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bob Harris, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Harryman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sports Harvey, Dallas, Texas; Isaac Henry, Miami, Fla.; Carl Herring, Houston, Texas; John Hunt, Tyler, Texas.

Eddie Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Jackson, Cleveland, Ohio; Lou Jones, Rock-

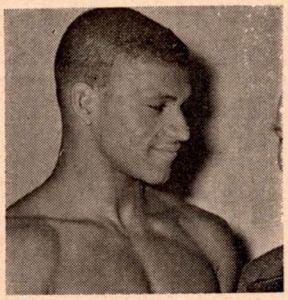
ford, Ill.; Bobby Lee Paterson, N. J.; Herbie Lee, Miami, Fla.; Stormy Love, Kansas City, Mo.

Jim McCarter, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bill MacMurray, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bob Mumford, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Noriega, Portland, Oregon.

Don Quinn, St. Paul, Minn.; Charley Roberts, Houston, Texas; Cornelius Rodgers, Youngstown, Ohio; Bob Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ike Thomas, Alexandria, La.; Billy Tisdale, Bridgeport, Conn.; Freddie Todino, New York, N. Y.; Don Tucker, Tyler, Texas.

Henry Wallitch, New York, N. Y.; Gunnar Warme, Bridgeport, Conn.; Sam White, Detroit, Mich.; Cardy Wooten, Richmond, Calif.



HAROLD JOHNSON

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion

Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.

Group I

1—Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Erich Schoppner, Germany

Group II

1—Yvon Durelle, Canada (Retired)
2—Mike Holt, South Africa
3—Jesse Bowdry, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Johnny Halafihi, Tonga
5—Von Clay, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Kid Sixto Rodriguez, San Anselmo, Calif.
7—Tony Anthony, New York, N. Y.
8—Sonny Ray, Chicago, Ill.
9—Chic Calderwood, Scotland
10—Sante Amonti, Italy

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Class A

Domenico Baccheschi, Italy; Germinal Ballarin, France; Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.; Donnie Fleeman, Midlothian, Texas.

Alvin Green, Tyler, Texas; Arthur Howard, England; Luis Ignacio, Brazil; Leen Jansen, Holland; Waldis Kopec, France; Jerry Luedee, New Haven, Conn.

Dogomar Martinez, Uruguay; Carl (Bobo) Olson, San Francisco, Calif.; Yolande Pompey, Trinidad.

Monroe Ratliff, San Diego, Calif.; Paul Roux, France; Dieter Wemhoner, Germany.

Class B

Mario Altana, Italy; Harry (Helmut) Ball, Germany; Jacques Barlet, France; Ron Barton, England; Freddie Blades, Miami, Fla.; Wenzel Bociak, Germany; Ahmed Boulgroune, French-Algeria; Juan Burgues, Uruguay; Alex Buxton, England.

Doudi Caea, Noumea; Artenio Calzavara, Italy; Gilbert Chapron, France; Charles Colin, France; Gordon Corbett, England; Stan Cullis, England.

Rodolfo Diaz, Argentina; Harry Dodoo, Ghana; Joe Dorsey, New Orleans, La.; Tony Dove, England; Hans Ducree, Germany; Jacques Dufreney, France.

Jose-Mariano Echevarria, Spain; Salah ben Fahrat, Tunisia; Erwin Hack, Germany; Clarence Hinnant, Washington, D. C.; Gunter Huber, Germany; Uwe Janssen, Germany; Doug Jones, New York, N. Y.

Pekka Kokkonen, Finland; Yao Kouame, French Senegal; Sammy Langford, Nigeria; Billy Lotter, South Africa.

Jean Malcorps, Belgium; Rocco Mazzola, Italy; Hugo Medina, Argentina; Karl Mildengerger, Germany; Mauro Mina, Peru; Ray Mocques, France.

Horst Niche, Germany; Andre Ouille, France; Ottavio Panunzi, Italy; Aldo Pellagrini, Italy; Orville Pitts, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Steve Raduly, Australia; Ron Redrup, England; Giulio Rinaldi, Italy; Lennart Risberg, Sweden; Billy Ryan, Lowell, Mass.

Farid Salim, Argentina; Redvers Sangoe, Wales; Plinio Scarabellin, Italy; Jimmy Slade, New York, N. Y.; Billy Smith, England; Wim Snoek, Holland; Ap Sparks, Canada.

Artie Towne, New York, N. Y.; Joe Walcott, Trinidad; Jack Whittaker, England; Alvin Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Eddie Wright, England; Bob Young, Providence, R. I.

Class C

Gitano Amaya, Spain; Lou Bailey, Peoria, Ill.; Johnny Barton, England; John Balla, Stockton, Calif.; Willie Barnes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Kirk Barrow, Seattle, Wash.

Eddie Bell, Washington, D. C.; Willie Bell, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Bonner, Chicago, Ill.; Leslie Borden, Canada; Hubert Bouye, France; Aldo Brunetti, Italy.

Johnny Cole, England; Jim Cooper, England; Bobby Daniels, Duluth, Minn.; Ted Doncaster, Canada; Burke Emery, Canada; Johnny Fratius, Swanasa, R. I.; Mel Fulgham, Wheeling, W. Va.

Chuck Garrett, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Gomes, Providence, R. I.; Willie Gray, Boston, Mass.; Leroy Green, Kansas City, Mo.

Jim Hegerle, St. Paul, Minn.; Bobby Hughes, Akron, Ohio.; Ernie Hughes, Australia; Andy Isaacs, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nathan Ish, Phoenix, Arizona.

Young Beau Jack, Boston, Mass.; James Jackson, Fresno, Calif.; Matt Jackson, Ft. Carson, Colo.; Satch Jamiel, Warren, R. I.; Johnny Jenkins, Newark, N. J.

Francois Kania, France; Pedro Klyssen, Holland; Ernie Knox, Baltimore, Md.; Carleton Lincoln, Seattle, Wash.; Jack London, England.

Floyd McCoy, New York, N. Y.; Bob McKinney, Tacoma, Wash.; Willie Mack, Jacksonville, Fla.; Carlo Marchini, Australia; Ted Martin, Sacramento, Calif.; Jimmy Monts, Hartford, Conn.

Victoriano Olivares, Spain; Floyd Palmer, Portland, Oregon; Charley Pavlis, Wichita, Kansas; Kenneth Payne, Phoenix, Arizona; John Pew, Abbeville, Ala.; Matt Plachy, Houston, Texas.

Juan Pomare, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ted Poole, New York, N. Y.; Don Prout, Providence, R. I.; Roger Rouse, Opportunity, Montana.

JoJo Sanchez, Warren, R. I.; Willy Schagen, Holland; Luis Vicente Serra, Spain; Babe Simmons, New York, N. Y.; Tommy Sims, Dallas, Texas; Leslie Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roy Smith, Torrance, Calif.; Bartolo Soni, Dominican Republic; Bobby Stininato, Youngstown, Ohio; Al St. John, Wallingford, Conn.

Andre Tessier, Holyoke, Mass.; Billy Tisdale, Detroit, Mich.; Noel Trigg, Wales; Roger Wakefield, LaCrosse, Wisc.; Junior Washington, San Diego, Calif.; Paul Wright, New York, N. Y.

Class D

Quinn Bynum, Louisville, Ky.; Tommy Caldwell, Chicago, Ill.; Lenny Casanova, Stockton, Calif.; Roy Grear, Dallas, Texas.

Cliff Enlier, Mobile, Ala.; Jim Fisher, Oakland, Calif.; Leroy Flamond, Canada; Tommy Gerard, Miami, Fla.; Cleve Graham, Los Angeles, Calif.

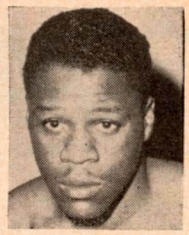
Tommy (Puggy) Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tommy Kelly, New York, N. Y.; Lou King, Sacramento, Calif.; Johnny Knight, Philadelphia, Pa.

Don McAteer, Paterson, N. J.; Richie McDowell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gene Mann, Augusta, Ga.; Larry Melton, Tucson, Arizona; Freddy Milton, Phoenix, Arizona.

Jimmy O'Connell, Steubenville, Ohio; Bob Peacock, Portland, Oregon; Jack Ramsey, Odessa, Texas; Paul Rossi, Thompsonville, Conn.

Bobby Sand, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Stevenson, Youngstown, Ohio; Clay Thomas, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lee Turner, Los Angeles, Calif.; Connie Vaughn, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Moses Walker, Syracuse, N. Y.; Hugh Williams, Portland, Oregon; Chuck Whittley, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Willie Williams, Saginaw, Mich.; Robert Yarborough, Chicago, Ill.



ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion

Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

Group I

1—Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah (N.B.A. Champion)
2—Spider Webb, Chicago, Ill.
3—Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.
4—Carmen Basilio, Chittenango, N. Y.
5—Gustav Scholz, Germany
6—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.

Group II

1—Henry Hank, Detroit, Mich.
2—Dick Tiger, Nigeria
3—Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.
4—Paul Pender, Brookline, Mass.
5—Joey Giambra, San Francisco, Calif.
6—Ralph (Tiger) Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.
7—Gene (Ace) Armstrong, Elizabeth, N. J.

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Class A

Yama Bahama, Bimini, B.W.I.; Jacques Belon, France; George Benton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Richard Bouchez, Belgium; Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.

Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N. Y.; Hank Casey, San Francisco, Calif.; Baby Colon, Cuba; Michel Diouf, French Senegal; Terry Downes, England; Andre Drille, France; Phil Edwards, Wales.

Rudy Ellis, Covert, Mich.; Giancarlo Garbelli, Italy; Geppino Gentiletti, Italy; Wilf Greaves, Canada; Martin Hansen, England.

Charley Joseph, New Orleans; Jimmy Martinez, Glendale, Arizona; John McCormack, Scotland; Peter Muller, Germany.

Laszlo Papp, Hungary; Rolf Peters, Germany; Marcel Pigou, France; Max Resch, Germany; Hector Rodriguez, Uruguay.

Italo Scortichini, Italy; Andres Selpa, Argentina; Abel Soudan, Belgium; Hachiro Tatsumi, Japan; Louis Trochen, France; Willie Vaughn, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.; Hans-Werner Wohlers, Germany.

Class B

George Aldridge, England; Eddie Andrews, Las Vegas, Nev.; Francois Anewy, French-Caledonia; Joey Archer, New York, N. Y.; Charles Attali, France; Memo Avon, Mexico; Nicholas Beaugrand, France.

Bill Beazley, New Zealand; Jimmy Beecham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ali Belkacem, French-Algeria; Salvatore Boi, Italy; Horst Borzoskowski, Germany; Angelo Brisci, Italy; Jackson Brown, Boston, Mass.; Ernie Buford, Memphis, Tenn.

Claudio Buniva, Italy; Remo Carati, Italy; Julio Carreras, Cuba; Charlie Cotton, Toledo, Ohio; Manolo Correa, Spain; Freddie Cross, Wales; Johnny Cunningham, England.

Aristide Del Piaz, Italy; Alan Dean, England; Emile Delmine, Belgium; Paul Diaz, Cuba; Willie Dockery, New York, N. Y.; Jacques Dugenie, France.

Francisco Frances, Spain; Michel Gonzales, France; Bobby Gordon, Charloeri, Pa.; Ken Harvey, England; Gunter Hase, Germany;

Manfred Hass, Germany; Chebo Hernandez, Mexico; Helmut Hohmann, Germany.

Bruno Ilagi, Italy; Fumio Kaizu, Japan; Hugo Kohler, Australia; Harko Kokmeyer, Holland; Jo Lamers, Holland; Klaus Langhammer, Germany; Gilbert Lavoine, France; Freddie Little, Bogolusa, La.; Sandy Luke, Nigeria.

Domingo Mena, Spain; Phil Moyer, Portland, Oregon; Sugar Boy Nando, Aruba, DWI.; Claude Negrel, France; Francisco Ortega, Spain.

Orlando Paso, Nigeria; Peter Read, Australia; Blair Richardson, Canada; Neal Rivers, Las Vegas, Nev.; Gino Rossi, Italy; Jean Ruellet, France.

Randy Sandy, New York, N. Y.; Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah; Tuna Scanlan, New Zealand; Franco Scisciani, Italy; Jesse Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Speedie, South Africa; Bob Stevens, Belgium; Clive Stewart, Australia.

Sisto Tisselli, Italy; Eddie Thompson, St. Albans, N. Y.; Nelis Van Oostrum, Holland; Michel Vinot, France; Al Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Victor Zalazar, Argentina.

Class C

Michel Adamy, France; Jerome Adje, France; Clarence Alford, Cleveland, Ohio; Ali Amrans, French-Algeria; Al Andrews, St. Paul, Minn.; Frankie Anselm, Philadelphia, Pa.; Michel Atlan, France; Al Avant, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Baares, Holland; Bill Bailey, Spokane, Wash.

Tony Baldoni, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Fred Balio, Nigeria; Vinicio Ballarini, Italy; Lee Ballard, St. Paul, Minn.; Bobby Barnes, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Franco Bartaloni, Italy.

Melville Bennett, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Al Bereti, England; Cal Brown, Spokane, Wash.; Mickey Brown, Houston, Texas; Johnny Bowler, England; Floyd Buchanan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Glen Burgess, Boise, Idaho; Pat Byrne, Scotland.

Rocky Caballero, Austin, Texas; Felipe Cambeiro, Brazil; Eddie Connors, Sharon, Mass.; John Craig, Bridgeport, Conn.; Greatest Crawford, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tommy Della Rocca, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joe DeNucci, Newton, Mass.; Orlando DiPietro, Los Angeles, Calif.; Miguel Diaz, Cuba.

Tony Dominguez, Oakland, Calif.; Maurice Dori, France; Mickey Dwyer, Boston, Mass.; Pepi Fischer, Austria; Cleo Frazier, Stockton, Calif.; Sal Fuentes, Cuba; Jose Torres, Puerto Rico.

Don Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah.

Rocky Fumerelle, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joe Fusco, Waterbury, Conn.; Stan Garcia, Richmond, Calif.; Ernie Gibson, Seattle, Wash.; Art Glass, Dayton, Ohio; Willie Greene, Warwick, R. I.; Willie Grey, Washington, D. C.

Karl-Heinz Guder, Germany; Santigo Gutierrez, San Antonio, Texas; Allen Harmon, Jamaica, B.W.I.; George Harrell, New York, N. Y.; Ramon Hernandez, Mexico; Sonny Hill, Toledo, Ohio.

Murphy Holmes, San Francisco, Calif.; Duane Horseman, Chatfield, Minn.; Cal Houston, Oakland, Calif.; Johnny Houston, Oakland, Calif.; Sonny Ingram, Little Rock, Arkansas; Gene Johns, New York, N. Y.; Al Juergens, San Antonio, Texas.

Richard Kelly, Florence, S. C.; Reg King, Australia; Georgia Kid, Atlanta, Ga.; Eddie Kindermanns, Belgium; Nick Kovac, Canada; Osmo Laaksonen, Finland; George Lamtzes, Australia.

Baby Linares, Cuba; Derek Liversidge, England; Abe Linnear, Chicago, Ill.; Domingo Lopez, Spain; Al McCoy, Tyler, Texas; Chuck McCreary, Youngstown, Ohio.

Paul Machen, Redding, Calif.; Dante Madella, Italy; Andy Mayfield, Miami, Fla.; Gerhard Moll, Germany; Johnny Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Louis Mourros, France; Billy Murray, Stockton, Calif.

Obduilio Nunez, Puerto Rico; Johnny Otto, Hyannis, Mass.; Leo Owens, Syracuse, N. Y.; Young Paulino, Philippines; Pete Petros, Guam; Billy Pickett, New York, N. Y.; George Price, Houston, Texas; Bob Provizzi, Scranton, Pa.

Harold Redman, Beaumont, Texas; Jimmy Remson, Detroit, Mich.; Lino Rendon, Cuba; Evelio Rios, Venezuela; Zosimo Saenz, Mexico; Jim Sargent, Peoria, Ill.

Kang Se-Chui, Korea; Roscoe Shamblin, Akron, Ohio; Eddie Sims, Chicago, Ill.; Ernie Smith, Toledo, Ohio; John Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Otto Smith, Westfield, N. J.

Herbert Sowa, Germany; Fernando Spallotta, Italy; Leo Stewart, Atlanta, Ga.; Fred Terry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wayne Thornton, Stockton, Calif.; Yvon Turenne, Canada; Eloy Vann, San Antonio, Texas.

Gene Washington, Elizabeth, N. J.; Jimmy Watkins, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dick Young, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jose Zapata, Brownsville, Texas.

Class D

Joe Atchan, San Jose, Calif.; Eddie Agin, Miami, Fla.; Angelo Allegue, New York, N. Y.; Bob Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Baker, Miami, Fla.

Don Bale, Boise, Idaho; Ted Banzali, Hollywood, Calif.; Paul Barkel, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bill Bass, Wichita, Kan.; Jim Beasley, Detroit, Mich.; Tony Bell, Boston, Mass.; Dalfus Brown, Louisville, Ky.; Charlie Bryant, Millville, N. J.; Henry Burton, Monroe, La.

Ike Clements, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leverette Coleman, New York, N. Y.; Roy Copeland, Tyler, Texas; Rudy Corney, New York, N. Y.; Aurelio Costa, El Campo, Texas; Dean Crisp, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gunnar Doerner, Canada; Ted Eaton, Baltimore, Md.

Milton Epps, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Fields, Chicago, Ill.; Jerry Finnerty, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mickey Gilmer, Portland, Oregon; Goldie Gomez, Sharon, Mass.

Alf Grant, Canada; Dave Grant, Boston, Mass.; Bobby Green, Portland, Oregon; Jack Green, Rochester, N. Y.

Gene Hamilton, New York, N. Y.; Bob Harris, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Herron, Washington, D. C.; Ed Hickman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Perry Hicks, Fresno, Calif.; Oscar Holman, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Big Boy Holmes, Tucson, Arizona; Leroy Holmes, New York, N. Y.; Leo Howard, Richmond, Calif.; Bobby Howe, Phoenix, Arizona.

Nathan Ish, Phoenix, Arizona; Walcott Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Julie Jamison, Wappinger Falls, N. Y.; J. C. Johnson, Seattle, Wash.; Johnny Johnson, Wichita, Kan.; Ted Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; Jeff Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Leo King, Los Angeles, Calif.

Jimmy Landeron, New York, N. Y.; Fletcher Lee, Louisville, Ky.; Gene Leslie, New Orleans, La.; Benjamin Lewis, Panama; Al Lortez, San Francisco, Calif.

Billy McDonald, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Jimmy McNair, New York, N. Y.; John MacNeil, Canada; Joe Medley, Blackwood, N. J.; Ted Meeks, Chicago, Ill.

Al Milone, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Walter Moerbe, Dallas, Texas; Jimmy Mohr, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Moon, San Francisco, Calif.

Teddy Roosevelt Myrick, New York, N. Y.; Josh O'Neal, New Orleans, La.; Maurice Oliver, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Osborne, Seattle, Wash.

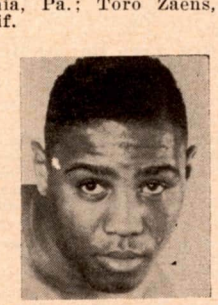
Pasia Paialli, Hawaii; Cooter Parker, Kannapolis, N. C.; Bill Patrick, Seattle, Wash.; Levi Pearson, Detroit, Mich.; Harold Pettigrew, San Diego, Calif.; Jose Pompey, Portland, Oregon.

Clarence Riley, Detroit, Mich.; James Roberts, Louisville, Ky.; Willie Rooks, New York, N. Y.; Fred Roots, Stockton, Calif.; Joe Rubino, New York, N. Y.; Eddie Scurlock, New York, N. Y.

Joey Sedillo, Twin Falls, Idaho; Elmer Shippe, Peoria, Ill.; Irv Smith, Detroit, Mich.; Rudy Smith, Phoenix, Arizona; Luke Souza, Stockton, Calif.; Sam Spade, Miami, Fla.

Thurman Stevens, Seattle, Wash.; Ward Sullivan, Washington, D. C.; Gene Swift, New Meadows, Idaho; Bob Torrance, Phoenix, Arizona; Johnny Torres, Paterson, N. J.; Gene Turley, Twin Falls, Idaho; Bill Tyson, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Voshefski, Carbondale, Pa.

Benny Walker, San Francisco, Calif.; Joey White, Durham, N. C.; Nolan Williams, Houston, Texas; Johnny Boy Wilson, Tulsa, Okla.; Wally Wilson, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Chuck Wolf, Miami, Fla.; Eddie Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.; Toro Zaens, San Francisco, Calif.



CHARLEY SCOTT

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champion

Don Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.

Group I

1—Don Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Luis Rodriguez, Cuba
3—Charley Scott, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Garnet (Sugar) Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Rudell Stitch, Louisville, Ky.
6—Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.

Group II

1—Denny Moyer, Portland, Oregon
2—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
3—Federico Thompson, Argentina
4—Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
5—Duilio Loi, Italy
6—Gaspar Ortega, Mexico
7—Benny Paret, Cuba
8—Florentino Fernandex, Cuba
9—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa. (Retired)

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Maurice Auzel, France; George Barnes, Australia; Gomeo Brennan, Bimini, Bahamas; Sauveur Chiocca, France; Chris Christensen, Denmark; Attu Clottey, Ghana; Hector Constance, Trinidad.

Jorge Fernandez, Argentina; Seraphin Ferrer, France; Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.; Luis Folledo, Spain; Michel Francois, France.

Cirilo Gil, Argentina; Gerald Gray, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Stan Harrington, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jacques Herbillon, France; Diego Infantes, Spain; Rocky Kalingo, Philippines.

Mick Leahy, Ireland; Issac Logart, Cuba; Michel Lombardet, France; Billy Lynch, Hartford, Conn.; Fortunato Manca, Italy; Emilio Marconi, Italy; Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J.; Helmut Mistol, Germany.

Jacques Nervi, France; Joe N'Gidi, South Africa; Benny Nieuwenhuizen, South Africa; Adalberto Ochoa, Argentina; Leo Potesil, Austria.

Samart Sorndaeng, Thailand; Guy Sumlin, Mobile, Ala.; Wally Swift, England; Philemon Tshabalala, South Africa; Carl van Neste, Belgium; Bruno Vistintin, Italy; Ernst Zetzmann, Germany.

Class B

Angel Ahumada, Argentina; Hippolyte Annex, France; Everardo Ormenta, Mexico; Sani Armstrong, Ghana; Ernesto Ballabio, Italy; Billy Barnes, Australia; Don Barnes, Australia.

Fernando Barreto, Brazil; Len Barrow, Wales; Stefano Bellotti, Italy; Carmelo Beraza, Spain; Rino Borra, Italy; Coogan Brown, Australia; Ben Buker II, Spanish-Morocco; Terry Burnett, Wales.

Henri Cabelduc, France; Albert Carroll, England; David Cervantes, Mexico; Roberto Chetta, Argentina; Tommy Collins, Australia; Baby Concer, Mexico; Alfredo Cota, Mexico; Brian Curvis, Wales.

Andre Ravier, France; Tony Dupas, New Orleans, La.; Kid Fichique, Cuba; Francesco Fiore, Italy; Rene Flaba, Belgium; Gheri Frezghi, Italian Eritrea; Luigi Furio, Italy; Kenji Fukuchi, Japan.

Ornoldo Gil, Mexico; Paddy Graham, Ireland; Emil Griffith, New York, N. Y.; Alvaro Gutierrez, Mexico; Sal Hernandez, Cuba; Jean Hoeffler, Belgium; Carl Hubbard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jerry Hunnicutt, Menlo Park, Calif.

Jo Janssens, Belgium; Eddie Jordan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dave Johnson, Oakland, Calif.; Pat Lowry, Toledo, Ohio; Al (Duke) Malone, Mobile, Ala.; Sandy Manuel, Nigeria.

Antonio Marcilla, Argentina; Santos Martins, Nigeria; Gaston Matheiu, France; Johnny Melfah, Ghana; Paolo Melis, Italy; Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y., Tommy Molloy, England.

Willie Morton, San Jose, Calif; Juan Padilla, Mexico; Roberto Pena, Mexico; Martininio Pereyra, Argentina; Celestino Pinto, Brazil; Jean Pommier, France; Fernando Proietti, Italy; Giacomo Putti, Italy.

Bruno Ravaglia, Italy; Stefan Redl, Passaic, N. J.; Ron Richardson, England; Franco Rosini, Italy.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad; Manuel Salcedo, Spain; Jiro Sawada, Japan; Rudy Sawyer, New York, N. Y.; Brian Sheehan, Australia; Cecil Shorts, Cleveland, Ohio; Dawthong Singhapalop, Thailand; Charlie (Tombstone) Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tony Smith, England; Reybon Stubbs, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jack Subero, Trinidad.

Tommy Jagoe, Ghana; Ziyaris Taki, Turkey; Freddie Tiedt, Ireland; Billy Todd, Australia; Vince Took, Australia; Pepe Ungitos, Spain.

Umberto Vernaglione, Italy; Emile Vlaemynck, Belgium; Phil Wallace, Australia; Ron Warnes, England; Dick Williams, South Africa; Ted Wright, Detroit, Mich.

Class C

Ben Ahmid, Spanish-Morrocco; Bakir ben Ali, Tunisia; Alton Allen, Houston, Texas; Amarlai Amartio, Ghana; Emilio Ruiz Amatria, Spain; Jaconias Amorin, Brazil; Raul Anchondo, Mexico; Peter Anderson, England; Larry Armstead, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Asani, Nigeria.

Terry Banning, England; Mel Barker, Austin, Texas; Ted Batterham, England; Bobby Bartels, New York, N. Y.; Eddie Bee, Wales; Frankie Belma, Wilmington, Calif.; Jimmy Biggs, Washington, D. C.; Alberto Bisbe, Cuba; Jesse Bogart, Mexico.

Vince Bonomo, New Orleans, La.; Al Boudreaux, Westwego, La.; Billy Brown, Oakland, Calif.; Bobby Brown, Longview, Wash.; Daniel Brunet, France; Manuel Burgo, New Bedford, Mass.; Walter Byars, Boston, Mass.

Jose Campos, Mexico; Bennie Castillo, San Antonio, Texas; Paco Castro, Mexico; Eddie Cates, New Orleans, La.; Jesus Celes, Mexico; Calvin Chapman, Mobile, Ala.; Joe Boy Charles, Richmond, Calif.; Chico Cirini, Oakland, Calif.; John Clyde, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Cofer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ronnie Cohen, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Curtis Cokes, Dallas, Texas; Billy Collins, Nashville, Tenn.; El Conscripto, Mexico; Clarence Cook, Bastrop, La.; Ray Corbett, England; Cecil Courtney, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jimmy Croll, Scotland.

Bobby Dalton, Hartford, Conn.; Julio Dartuqui, Argentina; Teddy Davis, San Jose, Calif.; Jean Debondant, France; Tony DeCola, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nelson deOliveria, Brazil.

Billy DePriest, Phoenix City, Ala.; George Devos, Belgium; Chivo Diaz, Mexico; Tony DiBiase, New York, N. Y.; Joe DiPierro, Woonsocket, R. I.; Joey Durelle, Canada; Little Dynamite, Washington, D. C.

Francisco Echevarria, Mexico; Jose Edwin, Panama; Mel Ferguson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Reg Fisher, England; Bill Flamio, New York, N. Y.; Camilo Flores, Mexico; Terry Flores, Phillippines.

Alexis Garcia, Cuba; Louis Garduno, Mesa, Arizona; Ramon Garriga, Spain; Hank Georgio, Providence, R. I.; Johnny Gilden, Baltimore, Md.

Paddy Gill, Dorchester, Mass.; Dick Goldstein, Seattle, Wash.; Joe Gonzales, Puerto Rico; Manuel Gonzales, Odessa, Texas; Flash Gordon, Barbados, B. W. I.; Johnny Gorman, New York, N. Y.; Ray Greco, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Green, Long Beach, Calif.; Rudy Gwin, Cleveland, Ohio.

Baggis Hansen, Norway; Roger Harvey, Bermuda; Gilberto Holguin, El Paso, Texas; Brian Husband, England; Tamotsu Ishii, Japan.

Dillard Jackson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Jones, Mercerd, Calif.; Jesse Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Larry Jones, New York, N. Y.; T. J. Jones, Chicago, Ill.; Jerry Jordan, Chicago, Ill.

Alani Kaihau, Tonga; Ray Lancaster, Spartanburg, S. C.; Sabino Leonardo, Brazil; Clifton Lester, Los Angeles, Calif.; Guy LoConte, Malden, Mass.; Eddie Lynch, West New York, N. J.

Jimmy McCoy, Seattle, Wash.; Johnny McKoin, Basptrop, La.; Cornelius McPaul, Baltimore, Md.; Lyle Mackin, Oakland, Calif.; George Maddix, Hyannis, Mass.; Luis Magro, Spain.

Ola Michael, Nigeria; Pedro Miranda, Cuba; Willie Moran, Louisville, Ky.; Joe Murphy, Reno, Nevada; Roman Nava, Mexico; Jimmy O'Malley, Boston, Mass.

Ramon Paz, Orgentina; Aman Peck, Tampa, Fla.; Tobe Penaloza, Mexico; David Perez, Mexico; Franco Pinto, Italy; Roque Porano, Clifton, Arizona.

Frank Ramirez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Karl-Heinz Rauen, Germany; Luther Rawlings, Chicago, Ill.; Kid Rayo, Nicaragua; Pichon Reyes, Mexico; Chilango Rosales, Mexico; Leon Rosano, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ronnie Rush, Wales.

Diogenes Sagarra, Cuba; Joe Salci, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Bobby Sanders, San Francisco, Calif.; Peter Schmidt, New York, N. Y.; Al Sharpe, Ireland; Joe Shaw, Kansas City, Mo.; Bobby Shell, Washington, D. C.; Ray Sheppard, Miami, Fla.

Shiroshi Shinada, Japan; Charley Smith, San Francisco, Calif.; Frank Smith, Warren, Ohio; Luis Soto, Mexico; Gilbert Souday, France; Len Sparks, Canada; Billy Stanley, Australia.

Willie Stevenson, Boston, Mass.; Paul Stivaletta, Denham, Mass.; Chuch Taylor, Detroit, Mich.; Ray Terrazas, El Paso, Texas; Dick Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julian Valdez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Marcelo Vargas, Mexico.

Karl Wagner, Germany; Jimmy Walters, Seattle, Wash.; Jesse Watson, New York, N. Y.; Johnny White, Portland, Oregon; Ernie Williams, Washington, D. C.; Henry White, Cincinnati, O.; Ed Woods, Philadelphia, Pa.

Class D

Ottie Adkins, Huntington, W. Va.; Bob Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Leo Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gaylord Barnes, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Earl Bastings, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby Bennett, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joe Betrone, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Chuck Bloss, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Johnny Bradley, New York, N. Y.; Percy Bradley, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby Brooks, Chicago, Ill.; Dave Brown, Stockton, Calif.; Lindell Buttram, Portland, Oregon.

Chenco Chavez, Portland, Oregon; Al Cintron, El Paso, Texas; Bobby Cline, Chicago, Ill.; Jim Connors, Sharon, Mass.; Joe Cook, New Orleans, La.; Lloyd Cook, Los Angeles, Calif.; Moses Cooper, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mike Coronado, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Vince Davi, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frank Davis, Los Angeles, Calif.; Russ Davis, Reno, Nevada; Mike DeFeo, Boston, Mass.; Jean Dulhoste, Canada.

Frank Alias, Phoenix, Arizona; Abel Escobar, Alice, Texas; Will Estes, Houston, Texas; Jack Faulkner, Bay City, Mich.; Joey Fiske, Warren, Ohio; Ed Fobbs, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Hestal Franks, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rocky Friend, Los Angeles, Calif.

Art Garcia, Oakland, Calif.; Freddie Garcia, Costillo, N. M.; Bobby Gayton, San Francisco, Calif.; Bruce Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Giles, Miami, Fla.; Marcelino Gonzalez, Cuba; Al Grant, Los Angeles, Calif.

Billy Hall, Norwood, Ga.; Rupert Hardy, Portland, Oregon; Gentry Harris, Hollywood, Calif.; Will Harris, Peoria, Ill.; Nelson Hawkins, Suffield, Conn.; Stanley Hayward, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Howard, Cleveland, Ohio; Leroy Howard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Hurtt, Baltimore, Md.

Juan Irizarry, Puerto Rico; Harry Lee Irwin, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Buddy Jackson, Springville, N. Y.

Willie Jennings, St. Louis, Mo.; George Johnson, Newark, N. J.; Willie Joe Johnson, Newark, N. J.; Henry Jones, Washington, D. C.; Milton Jones, Stockton, Calif.

Jerry Keip, Pittsfield, Mass.; Dennis Kelly, New Lork, N. Y.; Paul Kennedy, Portland, Oregon; John Kimer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby King, Longview, Wash.; Lloyd Kirkpatrick, El Paso, Texas; Randell Kitchen, Youngstown, Ohio.

Gene LaForte, Reno, Nevada; Tommy Leak, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Sing Lee, Long Branch, N. J.; Jimmy Lynn, Newark, N. J.

Fred McCray, Boston, Mass.; John McGowan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nino Malave, Puerto Rico; Manuel Faladonado, Denver, Colo.; Henry Mallolo, Hawaii; Billy Martin, Louisville, Ky.

Andy Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Mastrangelo, Boston, Mass.; Larry Mercer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Leonard Monti, Tempe, Arizona; Marlin Moore, Mobile, Ala.; Jerry Mullen, Brownville, Minn.

Harold Nelson, Portland, Oregon; Tony Noriega, Bakersfield, Calif.; Sammy Norman, Portland, Oregon; Pat O'Brien, New York, N. Y.; Dencil Oldaker, Steubenville, Ohio; Little Carl Olson, San Francisco, Calif.; Bill Orias, Homestead, Fla.

Smiley Packer, Port Huron, Mich.; Felix Palagas, San Francisco, Calif.; Sam Peranick, Canada; Ronnie Poramba, Elizabeth, N. J.; Whitey Porr, New York, N. Y.; Nick Procak, New York, N. Y.

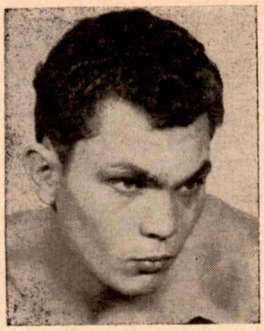
Bernie Raines, Stamford, Conn.; Johnny Raybon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Reeves, Waterbury, Conn.; Sergio Rios, Cuba; Yucatan Rivera, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jay Roach, New York, N. Y.; Leo Roberson, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Danny Salazar, Dallas, Texas; Robert Scott, Chicago, Ill.; Harold Scully, Chicago, Ill.; Mike Shanley, Jersey City, N. J.; Bobby Shaw, Miami, Fla.; James (Silky) Shelton, Miami, Fla.; Roy Simon, Hollywood, Calif.; Duane Simpson, Miami, Fla.

Jimmy Skeen, Nashville, Tenn.; Spider Sparks, Canada; Bob Spencer, Warren, Ohio; Al Styles, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Sylvia, New Bedford, Mass.

Freddie Taylor, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Taylor, Youngstown, Ohio; Ray Trotter, Detroit, Mich.; Leroy Tucker, New York, N. Y.; Julio Vadi, Jersey City, N. J.; Tito Velez, Puerto Rico; Don Vincent, Providence, R. I.

Jimmy Walker, Portland, Oregon; Questa Walker, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Walker, Los Angeles, Calif.; Martin Ware, Omaha, Neb.; Willie Westbrook, Chicago, Ill.; Dorsey Williams, San Francisco, Calif.; Watson Williams, New York, N. Y.



CARLOS ORTIZ

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion

Joe Brown, Baton Rouge, La.

Group I

1—Joe Brown, Baton Rouge, La.
2—Carlos Ortiz, New York, N. Y. (Junior Welterweight Champion)
3—Paolo Rosi, New York, N. Y.

Group II

1—Dave Charnley, England
2—Raymundo (Battling) Torres, Mexico
3—Willie Toweel, South Africa
4—Len Matthews, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6—Paul Armstead, Los Angeles, Calif.

Group III

1—Johnny Busso, New York, N. Y.
2—Mario Vecchiato, Italy
3—Guy Gracia, France
4—Mauro Vazquez, Mexico
5—Joey Parks, Omaha, Nebraska
6—Bobby Scanlon, San Francisco, Calif.

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Class A

Epiphane Akono, French Senegal; Alex Arenas, Mexico; Barney Beale, England; Sauveur Benamou, French-Algeria; Solomon Boysaw, Cleveland, Ohio; George Bracken, Australia.

Felix Chiocca, France; Damaso Collazo, Cuba; Gary Cowburn, Australia; Fred Galiana, Spain; Frank Garcia, Spain; Jamie Gine, Argentina; Lahouari Godih, France.

Aissa Hashas, French-Algeria; Jose Hernandez, Spain; Billy (Spider) Kelly, Ireland; Harry Kurschat, Germany; Rudi Langer, Germany; Joe Lopes, Sacramento, Calif.; Ben Medina, Fresno, Calif.

Hilario Morales, Mexico; Rolando (Chico) Morales, Cuba; L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, Ohio; Franco Nenci, Italy; Al Nevarez, Mexico; Victor Pepeder, France.

Arthur Persely, Red Crosse, La.; Chato Ramos, Spain; Guizani Rezgui, Tunisia; Vicente Rivas, Venezuela; Conny Rudhoff, Germany; Bobby Ros, Spain; Frankie Ryff, New York, N. Y.

Ahmed Sebane, French Algeria; Manuel Sosa, France; Alfredo Urbina, Mexico; Doug Vaillant, Cuba; Johnny Van Rensburg, South Africa; Baby Vasquez, Mexico; Orlando Zulueta, Cuba.

Class B

Sid Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ramon Almenara, Spain; Juan Oscar Alvarez, Belgium; Leo Alonzo, Philippines; Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.; Roy Ankrah, Ghana; Carlos Arregui, Mexico; Ray Ashie, Ghana.

Kid Banga, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Ceaser Barrow, British Guiana; Jose Bengos, Spain; Teddy Best, Wales; Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.; Sander Bonde, Denmark; Francis Bonnardel, France; Jimmy Brown, Ireland.

Bruno Burlovich, Yugoslavia; Elio Busetto, Italy; Johnny Butterworth, England.

Gil Cadilli, San Francisco, Calif.; Max Carlos, Australia; Cyprien Carrie, France; Francisco Caruso, Italy; Gaston Casarico, Italy; James Carter, New York, N. Y.; Germano Cavalieri, Italy; Jacques Chauveau, France; Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.

Dick DiVeronica, Syracuse, N. Y.; Charley Douglas, New York, N. Y.; Bonnie Espinosa, Philippines; Hini Forsyth, New Zealand; Angel Garcia, Cuba; Tito Gomez, Argentina; Roland Goujon, France; Gene Gresham, Detroit, Mich.; Jose Guillen, Spain.

Andres Haga, Norway; Jimmy Hornsby, Los Angeles, Calif.; Richie Howard, Canada; David (Darkey) Hughes, Wales; Keiichi Ishikawa, Japan; Brian Jones, England.

Javellena Kid, Philippines; Nursery Kid, Philippines; Johnny Kidd, Scotland; Teruo Kozaka, Japan; Johnny Linda, South Africa; Reyes Lopez, Mexico.

Jim (Spike) McCormack, Ireland; Candy McFarland, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bill McGrath, England; Joe McNally, New Zealand; Cosme Maldonado, Mexico; Alberto Mancini, Italy; Vittorio Mancini, Italy.

Fioraventa Merlo, Italy; Belaid Meslem, French Algeria; Enoch Nhlapo, South Africa; Hiroshi Okawa, Japan; Annibale Omodei, Italy; Cesar Orta, Venzuela.

Alf OSullivan, Australia; David Oved, Isreal; Marcello Padovani, Italy; Giorgio Pappalardo, Italy; Santos Berevra, Uruguay; Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.

Edouard Ptak, France; Jorge Quintana, Panama; Art Ramponi, Richmond, Calif.; Ray Riojas, Fort Worth, Texas; Jimmy Robinson, England; Chico Rollins, New York, N. Y.

Colin Salcombe, England; Emilio Sanchez, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Nedo Stampi, Italy; Dave Stone, England; Takeo Sugimori, Japan.

Joseph Ta, French Senegal; Tommy Tibbs, Boston, Mass.; Ezequiel Uribe, Mexico; Louis Van Hoeck, Belgium.

Piet van Klaveren, Holland; Ike Vaughn, Miami, Fla.; Roger Verhalst, Belgium; Hans Winkler, Germany.

Class C

Patrick Aaron, Nigeria; Mohamed Abed, Spanish-Morocco; Leo Agbulos, Stockton, Calif.; Ray Akwei, Ghana; Assesino Allen, Panama; Gerard Alloo, Belgium; Ovidio Almedia, Venezuela; Manuel Alvarez, Mexico; Rogelio Andre, Argentina; Paulino Araujo, Mexico; Agustin Argaez, Mexico; Richie Argo, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Armstrong, Elizabeth, N. J.; Des Ashe, Australia.

Johnny Bamborough, England; Francisco Barrarez, Venebuela; Johnny Bean, New York, N. Y.; Ed Beattie, Canada; Marcel Bizien, Jersey City, N. J.; Johnny Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.; Bruce Blake, Australia; Gordon Blakey, Wales.

Armando Bragano, Cuba; Billy Braggs, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Rafael Brathwaite, Panama; John Patrick Britt, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hymie Budow, Miami, Fla.

Mario Calcaterra, Italy; Ruben Cardena, Mexico; Ross Calvin, Nashville, Tenn.; David Camacho, Mexico; Rafael Camacho, Mexico; Enrique Castillo, Mexico; Tony Christy, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Les Davison, Australia; Waymen Dawson, Youngstown, Ohio; Vic Diamond, Frankford, Pa.; Jackie Donnelly, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joey Donovan, New York, N. Y.; Oripes dos Santos, Brazil; Mickey Driscoll, Canada; Dave Dupas, New Orleans, La.; Lalo Duque, Mexico.

Floyd East, Monroe, La.; Luke Easter, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George Edmunds, Hartford, Conn.; J. D. Ellis, Trenton, N. J.; Isaac Espinosa, Cuba.

Assane Fakyh, Lebanon; Manuel Favala, Mexico; Jimmy Feaster, Los Angeles, Calif.; Julio Febres, Peru; Rocky Ferguson, Nassau; Emilio Flores, Los Angeles, Calif.

Jay Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah; Lupe Garcia, Mexico; Perfecto Garcia, Nicaragua; Roberto Garcia, Mexico; Tommy Garrow, Claremount, N. H.; Bobby Garza, Houston, Texas; Sugar Gibiluru, Ghana; Rudy Gonsales, Mexico.

Richie Grassley, Providence, R. I.; Gene Gray, Little Rock, Arkansas; Jimmy Grow, Lewiston, Idaho; Roger Guilhot, France; Baby Gutierrez, Mexico; Henry Gutierrez, Deming, N. M.; Victorio Guzman, Mexico.

Teddy Hall, Seattle, Wash.; Jackie Hayden, Canada; Abe Haynes, San Diego, Calif.; Steve Hayward, Baltimore, Md.; Stan Hayward, Australia; Jesus Hernandez, Cuba; Bobby Hicks, Seattle, Wash.; Dennis Hinson, England; Ron Hinson, England .

Frankie Ippolito, New York, N. Y.; Leroy Jeffreys, Detroit, Mich.; Pasqual Jimenez, San Antonio, Texas; Clinton Jordan, Miami, Fla.

Roland Kellem, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy Kelly, Lowell, Mass.; Chihuahua Kid, Mexico; Cyclone Kid, British Guiana; Al King, Bristol, Conn.; Dick Kirby, Los Angeles, Calif.

Pedro LaBarrere, Cuba; Billy Leckie, New Zealand; Bobby Liddle, Australia; Joey Limas, Albuquerque, N. M.; Carlos Loyola, Mexico; Faustino Lucero, Mexico; Sid Lugo, Brooklyn, N .Y.

Pat McCoy, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy Mackey, Miami, Fla.; Iggy Maldonado, Puerto Rico; Pat Mallane, Union City, Conn.; Gerardo Marques, Brazil; Tito Marshall, Panama; Antonio Martin, Spain; Fred Martinovich, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chico Medina, Venezuela; Chico Mejia, Mexico; Al Melendez, Mexico; Johnny Melendez, Puerto Rico; Lem Miller, Honolulu, Hawaii; George Monroe, Worcester, Mass.

Israel Napoles, Cuba; Alberto Navarro, Corpus Christi, Texas; Tommy Nethercott, White Plains, N. Y.; Kildo Nunez, Mexico.

Flory Olguin, Albuquerque, N. M.; Al Olivera, Mexico; Oscar Ortegon, Corpus Christi, Texas; Horacio Otis, Panama.

Eddie Pace, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tommy Pacheco, Puerto Rico; Joey Padilla, San Jose, Calif.; George Page, Auburn, Calif.; Howard Paisley, San Francisco, Calif.; Jose Paredes, Mexico; Gordon Parker, Athol, Mass.

Jean Paternotte, Belgium; Enrique Perea, Panama; Nick Previti, Boston, Mass.; Carmie Price, Ambridge, Pa.; Sebastiao Raimundo, Brazil; Antonio Ramirez, Mexico; Reyes Ramirez, Mexico.

Santiago Ramirez, Cuba; Rip Randall, Odessa, Texas; Rocky Randell, Tampa, Fla.; Valentin Rangel, Mexico; Terry Rebolado, Philippines; Gallito Reyes, Corpus Christi, Texas; Joey Reynolds, St. Louis, Mo.; Pedro Rodriguez, Mexico; Bobby Rogers, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Romulo, Philippines; George Ross, Hartford, Conn.

Tony Sanchez, Mexico; Chico Santos, Portugal; Johnny Shaw, Los Angeles, Calif.; Harry Floyd Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Norm Smith, Washington, D. C.; Tony Lopez Smith, Mexico; Joe Smyer, Passaic, N. J.

Marcelino Vargas, El Paso, Texas; Chico Velez, New York, N. Y.; Diwaldo Ventosa, Cuba; Silveste Villarreal, Mexico; Steve Ward, Hartford, Conn.; Chuck Whittaker, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chuy Zulueta, Mexico.

Class D

Plumer Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sammy Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Howard Anderson, Chicago, Ill.; Fred Arelliano, Hawaii; Ricky Austin, Gary, Indiana.

Eddie Baker, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Bermundas, San Francisco, Calif.; Sal Bernal, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joey Bing, New York, N. Y.; Pat Brown, Victoria, Texas; Maurice Burke, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Burns, Augusta, Ga.; Sonny Burris, Los Angeles, Calif.

Sammy Campbell, Tampa, Fla.; Panteros Cardenas, Los Angeles, Calif.; Luis Carmona, Puerto Rico; Kid Casey, Chicago, Ill.; Lorenzo Castaneda, Dallas, Texas; Johnny Cate, Oakland, Calif.

Tommy Chan, Oakland, Calif.; Don Chestra, San Francisco, Calif.; Joe Clements, Miami, Fla.; Fred Clifton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Cooper, Wheeling, W. Va.; Julian Corona, Cuba.; Bobby Costillo, Dallas, Texas; Dave Coventry, Kearny, N. J.

Ernie Cuadras, San Diego, Calif.; Frankie Daly, New York, N. Y.; Sammy Davis, New Orleans, La.; Kenny Dean, Canada; Tom Dennis, Miami, Fla.; Julian Diaz, Cuba; George Dixon, Seattle, Wash.; Danny Dugan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Dupre, Canada; Morrie Duran, San Francisco, Calif.

Willie Epps, Youngstown, Ohio; Eddie Fair, Kansas City, Mo.; Kid Fernando, Dallas, Texas; Stan Fitzgerald, Buffalo, N. Y.; Clarence Ford, Phila., Pa.

Mickey Gallagher, Phila., Pa.; Joe Gomes, New Bedford, Mass.; Andy Gonsalves, San Francisco, Calif.; Benny Gordon, New York, N. Y.; Richie Graham, Boston, Mass.

Bobby Harrington, Albuquerque, N. M.; Lee Hearns, Tulsa, Okla.; Ed Henderson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Herron, Hawaii; Don Hubbard, Corpus Christi, Texas; Bob Hudson, Chicago, Ill.

Glen Ivey, Charlotte, N. C.; Freddy Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Jackson, Gary, Indiana; Ornee Jackson, Newark, N. J.; Ernie Jaramillo, Oakland, Calif.

Ivan Keeling, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mike Kelly, Meza, Arizona; Steve Klaus, Westfield, Mass.; Claude Labonate, Canada; Eli Leggett, Detroit, Mich.; Jerry Leroux, Canada; Johnny Little, Bologasua, La.; Dan Livingston, Trenton, N. J.; Joe Lopez, Seattle, Wash.; Zeke Lucero, Sacramento, Calif.

Tony Maldonado, Puerto Rico; Harold Mara, Hawaii; Bobby Marie, Youngstown, Ohio; Jorge Martinez, San Jose, Calif.; Al Mederano, Sacramento, Calif.; Dan Melendez, Hawaii; Israel Melendez, Hawaii.

Joe Melito, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jim Mitchell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Moore, Oakland, Calif.; Leon Nelson, Stockton, Calif.; Tommy O'Connor, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nat Olinhant, Chicago, Ill.; Coties Pace, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pancho Padilla, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ricky Palma, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bob Periera, Hawaii; Tony Perry, Canada; Percy Pugh, New Orleans, La.

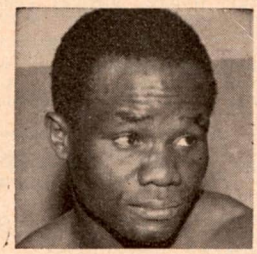
Willie Ransom, New Orleans, La.; Kevin Richardson, Canada; Herberito Rivera, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benny Rodriguez, Hawaii; Ruben Santana, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Santana, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Julio Santiago, Puerto Rico.

Al Scalzo, Bridgeport, Conn.; Carmen Scialabba, Syracuse, N. Y.; Larue Sherman, Jersey City, N. J.; Mercer Smith, Providence, R. I.; Arnold Sparks, Canada; Joe Stable, Cuba.

Gary Sturivdant, Boise, Idaho; Walter Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ray Torynaz, Chicago, Ill.; Mike Toth, Hawaii; Feazell Vernall, Kansas City, Mo.

William Viera, New York, N. Y.; Ray Walk, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bob Walters, Erie, Pa.; Henry Watson, Dallas, Texas; Cecil Waybret, Canada.

Jerry Wells, Cleveland, Ohio.; Dick White, Cleveland, Ohio; Bobby Williams, Miami, Fla.; Lloyd Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.



HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion

Davey Moore, Springfield, Ohio

Group I

1—Davey Moore, Springfield, Ohio

Group II

1—Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
2—Ricardo Gonzales, Argentina
3—Harold Gomes, Providence, R. I. (Junior lightweight champion)
4—Gracieux Lamperti, France
5—Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
6—Flash Elorde, Philippines
7—Sergio Caprari, Italy
8—Rafiu King, Nigeria
9—Ike Chestnut, New York, N. Y.
10—Manolo Garcia, Spain
11—Sugar Ramos, Cuba
12—Percy Lewis, Trinidad, BWI.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Claudio Adame, Mexico; Manuel Alvarez, Argentina; Kid Anahuac, Mexico; Rene Barriere, France; Antonio Borraccia, Italy; Alfredo Bunetta, Argentina; Giordano Campari, Italy, Felix Cervantes, Mexico; Auburn Copeland, Los Angeles, Calif.; Roberto Cruz, Philippines.

Ernesto Figueroa, Mexico; Cherif Hamia, France; Carlos Hernandez, Venezuela; Aryee Jackson, Ghana; Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela.

Raul Macias, Mexico; Jose Luis Martinez, Spain; Ricardo Moreno, Mexico; Fili Nava, Mexico; Bobby Neill, Scotland; Raimonde Nobile, Italy; John O'Brien, Scotland.

Tony Padron, Venezuela; Louis Poncy, France; Aldo Pravisani, Italy; Jean Renard, Belgium; Floyd Robertson, Ghana; Lauro Salas, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jesus Santamaria, Panama.

Jean Sneyers, Belgium; Terry Spinks, England; Wally Taylor, Australia; Young Terror, Philippines; Jules Touan, French Senegal; Derry Treanor, Ireland; Andre Vair-

clatto, France; Danny Valdes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Andre Valignat, France.

Class B

Bonny Ade, Nigeria; Buari Abass, Nigeria; Love Allotey, Ghana; Amorindo Amorim, Argentina; Rene Azabury, French Morocco; Giuseppe Bruno Baita, Spanish Morocco; Ernie Baronet, South Africa; Jet Bally, Philippines; Con Mount Bassey, Jamaica, BWI; Jean Biosca; Spain; Jose Bonilla, Spain.

Army Wonder Boy, Philippines; Eric Brett, England; Louis Cabo, Belgium; Jose Cadalso, Spain; Orlando Castillo, Cuba; Ramon Cervantes, Mexico; Little Cezar, Philippines; Rudy Coronado, Mexico; Jose Crespo, Spain; Dave Croll, Scotland.

Aime Devisch, Belgium; Oscar Diaz, Argentina; Jean dos Santos, Portugal; Tel Dovi, Ghana; Eddie Elston, Australia; Paulito Escarlan, Philippines; George Flemming, Australia.

Gil Flores, Philippines; David Floyd, Australia; Puppy Garcia, Cuba; Rafael Gayo, Spain; Sergio Gomez, Mexico; Pedro Gonzalez, Cuba; Angel Guerrero, Mexico; Antonio Gutierrez, Mexico.

Eloy Henry, Panama; Roberto (Perro) Hernandez, Mexico; Charley Hill, Scotland; Dave Hilton, Canada; Jean Houploup, France; Yukio Katsumata, Japan; Hisao Kobayashi, Japan; Jomo Jackson, Ghana; Roy Jacobs, Nigeria; Johnny Jarrett, Australia; Phil Jones, Wales.

Sexton Mabena, South Africa; Jose Merayo, Spain; Sergio Milan, Italy; Pedro Miranda, Argentina; Kiyoshi Miura, Japan; Ruben Munoz, Odessa, Texas; Sebastiao Nascimento, Brazil; Ricardo Navarro, Spain; Steve Nitties, Australia.

Saburo Otaki, Japan; Mohamed Ould, French Algeria; Letterio Petilli, Italy; Jacques Poinson, France; Altidoro Polidori, Italy; Willi Quatuor, Germany; Victor Manuel Quijano, Mexico; Juanito Ramirez, Mexico; Pentti Rautiainen, Finland.

David Rodriguez, Mexico; Jesus Rodriguez, Mexico; Eddy Roelandt, Belgium; Bob Roger, Belgium.

Cesar Saavedra, Mexico; Adrian Servin, Argentina; Kazuo Takayama, Japan; Sammy Taylor, Australia.

Ivano Tombolini, Italy; Gerhard Topf, Austria; Frank Valdez, San Antonio, Texas; Raton Vargas, Mexico.

Raul Vargas, Argentina; Germain Vivier, France; Dick White, Australia; Howard Winstone, Wales.

Class C

Victor Adame, Mexico; Rasak Adeniji, Nigeria; Grillito Aguilar, Mexico; Joe Arias, Mexico; Carlos Ayala, Mexico.

Abdel Babesse, French Algeria; Memo Balderas, Mexico; Tivador Balogh, Hungary; Chilo Barranco, Mexico; Chano Barrientos, Mexico; Luigi Basile, Australia; Joey Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Mohamed ben Ahtab, Spanish Morocco; Manny Berrios, Mexico; Roy Best, Panama; Jackie Bowers, England; Tenejeros Boy, Philippines; Clifton Bradley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Roberto Bravo, Mexico; Luis Brito, Mexico.

Valentin Brown, Panama; Lalo Camarena, Mexico; Pablo Caripedes, Dayton, Ohio; Al Carroll, Stockton, Calif.; Junior Cassidy, Nigeria.

Chino Castelan, Mexico; Anselmo Castillo, Puerto Rico; Ray Ming Chan, Malaya; Paulino Cobos, Spain; Alvardo Collado, Mexico; Jimmy Connors, New Bedford, Mass.; Collier Cox, Phoenix, Arizona.

Buddy Daye, Canada; Dick DeVola, Malden, Mass.; Memo Diez, Mexico; Freddie Dobson, England; Nacho Dominguez, Mexico; George Dormer, England.

Charley Els, South Africa; Manuel Espaeza, Mexico; Rodolfo Francis, Panama; Al Franklin, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Andres Garcia, Mexico; Hector Garcia, Mexico; David Gomez, Mexico; Fernando Gomez, Mexico; Jose Gondola, Panama.

Cristobal Gonzalez, Cuba; Cubanito Gonzalez, Mexico; Jorge Gonzalez, Mexico; Sabino Gonzalez, Mexico; Hans Gronan, Germany; Luis Gutierrez, Mexico.

Barry Hatcher, Australia; Tommy Hepper, Australia; Conja Hernandez, Mexico; Heliodoro Hernandez, Mexico; Chato Herrera, Mexico; Chino Herrera, Mexico.

Don Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ronald Jones, Chicago, Ill.; Paddy Kelly, Ireland; Cisco Kid, Mexico.

Roberto Landa, Mexico; Jesse Lejia, San Antonia, Texas; Manny Linson, Mexico; Wally Livingston, Trenton, N. J.; Jose Lopez, Mexico; Rodolfo Lopez, Mexico; Tony Lopez, Mexico.

Luis Lugo, Mexico; Vernon Lynch, New York, N. Y.; Les McLean, Australia; Popeye McNair, Australia; Takao Maemizo, Japan; Lauro Martinez, Mexico; Alois Maxa, Austria.

Huracan Mazatleco, Mexico; Sammy Medina, Panama; Flash Menny, Philippines; Mel Middleton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Antero Molina, Brownsville, Texas; Barry Molloy, Australia; Roberto Murillo, Panama.

Jose Napoles, Cuba; Henry Nieto, San Francisco, Calif.; Flash Olano, Philippines; Adolfo Olguin, Mexico; Miguel Orona, Mexico.

Rafael Padrino, Venezuela; Arnulfo Palomares, Mexico; Ernesto Parra, Mexico; Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ronnie Perez, San Leandro, Calif.; Jimmy Pettaway, Toledo, Ohio; Harold Piper Australia; Clemente Quijano, Mexico; Hector Ramirez, Mexico; Paddy Read, Providence, R. I.; Terry Rees, Wales.

George Reiter, Minneapolis, Minn.; German Reyes, Mexico; Raul Reyes, Mexico; Carlos Rios, Mexico; Mike Rios, Mexico; Lionel Rivera, Hawaii.

Ray Salazar, Odessa, Texas; Antonio Sarmina, Mexico; Tano Serna, San Marco, Texas; Gerry Simpson, Canada; John Smillie, Scotland; Hilton Smith, Tampa, Fla.

Joe Tetteh, Ghana; Billy Thomas, San Francisco, Calif.; Terry Toole, England; Moi Torres, Mexico; Luis Trejo, Mexico.

Martin (Baby) Vazquez, Mexico; Chebo Vazquez, Mexico.

Ray Weller, Australia; Eddie Whitaker, Louisville, Ky.; Stanley Wilson, Panama; Vicente Worrell, Panama; Ray Zamora, Mexico.

Class D

Carmelo Acevedo, Hartford, Conn.; Jesus Arteaga, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jess Beaza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frankie Bravo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Carlos Cantillo, Panama; Paul Carlin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sylvan Carlin, Houston, Texas; Armando Castillo, Cuba; Kid Chick, Holyoke, Mass.; Tommy Curtis, Baltimore, Md.

Speedy Davidson, New Orleans, La.; Edmund Edwards, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Estepa, Miami, Fla.; Rocky Fischetti, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jerry Forche, Houston, Texas; Jerry Fowler, Houston, Texas; Pedro Frutos, Panama.

Manny Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ollie Galloway, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Garcia, Albuquerque, N. M.; Sandy Garcia, Hollywood, Calif.; Serafin Garcia, Panama; Jimmy Gorman, Paterson, N. J.; Al Green, Monroe, Mich.; Bobby Gregory, San Antonio, Texas.

Tommy Haden, Ctica, N. Y.; Jim Harris, Peoria, Ill.; Paul Harris, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Hart, Hawaii; Gordon Henley, Bloomfield, N. J.; Jackie Horne, Bristol, Conn.

Dave Johnson, Paterson, N. J.; Charley Keene, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tommy Kelly, New York, N. Y.; Solly Klein, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Lardiner, Los Angeles, Calif.; Julio Lau, Richmond, Calif.; Pablo Lopez, Puerto Rico; Tom Lowery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bobby McEwan, Scotland; Rolly McKay, Panama; Beto Maldonado, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Richie Matsumura, San Francisco, Calif.; Oney Mingue, Dallas, Texas; Maurice Morales, Los Angeles, Calif.; Art Mullen, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dennis Nelson, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe Olguin, Albuquerque, N. M.; Alejandro Pacheco, Panama; Jose Pacheco, Panama; Tony Palestino, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jose Perez, anama; Ken Perey, Providence, R. I.; Lou Quirimi, Providence, R. I.

Bert Reyes, Puerto Rico; Hector Rodriguez, Puerto Rico; Chico Segura, Los Alamos, N. M.; Jesus Serrano, Puerto Rico; Bob Shaughnessey, Boston, Mass.; Casey Smith, Pleasantville, N. J.; Jackie Smith, New York, N. Y.; Tommy Smith, New York, N. Y.

Chuck Tanner, Providence, R. I.; Jerry Terry, New York, N. Y.; Spider Walker, New Orleans, Ca.; Willie Woods, San Francisco, Calif.; Tom Wooten, Newark, N. J.; David Wright, Panama.

ALPHONSE HALIMI

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Becerra, Mexico

Group I
1–Joe Becerra, Mexico

Group II
1–Alphonse Halimi, France
2–Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3–Freddie Gilroy, Ireland
4–Danny Kid, Philippines
5–Piero Rollo, Italy
6–Eder Jofre, Brazil
7–Jose Lopez, Mexico
8–Mario D'Agata, Italy
9–Edwin Sykes, Panama
10–Herman Marques, Stockton, Calif.
11–Enresto Miranda, Argentina

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Class A

Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana; Manuel Armenteros, Mexico; Al Asuncion, Philippines; Melvin Bourne, Panama; George Bowes, England; Baby Brown, Philippines.

Benny Casing, Stockton, Calif.; Elysee Castre, France; Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium; Juan Cardenas, Spain; Antonio Diaz II, Spain.

Nacho Escalante, Mexico; Nelson Estrada, Venezuela; Andre Gasperini, France; Eduardo Guerrero, Mexico; Felix Gutierrez, Cuba.

Dwight Hawkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Hector Hicks, Panama; Toto Ibarra, Panama; Koji Ishibashi, Japan; Peter Keenan, Scotland; Antonie Martin, France.

Boots Monroe, Los Angeles, Calif.; Conrado Moreira, Chile; Johnny Morrissey, Scotland; Zurdo Pina, Mexico; Len Reece, Wales; Orlando Reyes, Cuba; Federico Scarponi, Italy; Oscar Suarez, Cuba.

Bernie Taylor, South Africa; Pierre Vetroff, France; Villeza Villar, Philippines; Mohamed Zarzi, France; Gianni Zuddas, Italy.

Class B

Hector Agundez, Mexico; Abd-el-Kader Azzouz, French Algeria; Pimi Barajas, Mexico; Roy Beamon, England; Alex Bollaert, Belgium; Roger Cappato, France; Jacques Colomb, France; Rudy Corona, Mexico; Angel Coronado, Mexico.

Bertrand Dortignac, France; Antonio Lopez Durban, Spain; Lajos Flesser, Hungary; Lucio Flores, Mexico; Jose Galvan, Mexico.

Ardilla Garcia, Mexico; Lauro Garcia, Mexico; Bert Gonzalez, Philippines; Pedro Gonzalez, Mexico.

Pentii Hamalainen, Finland; Carlos Hernandez, Mexico; Chucho Hernandez, Mexico; Eduardo Hernandez, Mexico; Juan Ibares, Mexico.

Mitsuhuaru Ikeda, Japan; Walter Ingram, Wierton, W. Va.; Kid Iraputo, Mexico; Arab Junior, Philippines; Robert Lallemand, France; Michel Lamora, France; Raul Leanos, Mexico.

Eugene LeCozanet, France; Derek Lloyd, England; Ray Martinez, Mexico; William Martinez, Nicaragua; Robert Meunier, France; Ugo Milan, Italy.

Torito Mota, Mexico; Kozo Nagata, Japan; mark; Andre Pierson, France; Teddy Rain-Spider Okine, Ghana; Frede Petersen, Denbow, Australia; Sugar Ray Holland.

Chuy Rodriguez, Mexico; Cain Rogero, Mexico; Jorge Salazar, Mexico; E. T. B. Sanong, Thailand.

Eloy Sanchez, Mexico; Johnny Sarduy, Cuba; Santos Secane, Spain; Mario Sitri, Italy; Les Smith, South Africa; Stan Soboiak, France; Fernando oto, Portugal; Charles Sylla, France.

Roberto Tartari, France; Johnny Thomas, Wales; Jose Torres, Spain; Tibicio Torres, Mexico.

Graham van der Walt, South Africa; Heintje van der Zee, Holland; Joe Vargas, Stockton, Calif.; Julio Viaua, Venezuela; Ward Yee, Pasadena, Calif.; Albert Younsi, France.

Class C

Gomez Acebo, Spain; Dennis Adjie, Ghana; Jorge Alatorre, Mexico; Rodoldo 9mpudia, Panama; Jose Aparicio, Mexico.

Gerd Berkhout, Germany; George Berris, Australia; Golden Boy, Philippines; Charlie

Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kimpo Calderin, Spain; Baby Carlos, Philippines; Kiki Casanova, Cuba; Ernesto Castaneda, Mexico; Fidel Cruz, Mexico.

Daniel Danny, Belgium; Pancho DeJesus, Mexico; Chapparo DeLeon, Mexico; Raul del Olmo, Mexico; Jacques Delplace, France; Johnny Davison, Canada; Miguel Diaz, Mexico.

Manny Elias, Phoenix, Arizona; Roque Fernandez, Mexico; Galuco Ferreiro, Cuba; Pollo Garcia, Mexico; Floyd Gatiuan, Hawaii; Jorge Gomez, Brownsville, Texas.

Memo Gonzalez, Mexico; Chuy Guerrero, Mexico; Ismael Gutierrez, Mexico; Salvador Hernandez, Mexico.

Porge Herrera, Mexico; Max Huerta, Mexico; Johnny Jamito, Philippines; Alex Jimenez, Mexico; Sapito Jimenez, Mexico; Miguel Juarez, Mexico.

Henny Klok, Holland; Miguel Lazu, Cuba; Klassie Links, South Africa; Monito Luna, Mexico; Roberto Mar, Mexico; Juanito Mendoza, Mexico; Tommy Miller, Scotland.

Juan Miranda, Mexico; Marcel Montova, Mexico; Jose Luis Mora, Mexico; Patricio Noriega, Mexico.

Jorge Nunez, Cuba; Hiroshi Oda, Japan; Jose Oliva, Cuba; Mario Ortega, Mexico; Tony Ortiz, Mexico.

Ross Padilla, Stockton, Calif.; Nacho Paredes, Mexico; Chamaco Perez, Mexico; Galaco Perez, Mexico; Ignacio Perez, Cuba; Efrain Quintana, Mexico.

Pollo Ramirez, Mexico; Paul Ramos, Los Angeles, Calif.; Victor Recio, Cuba; Percy Redman, Panama; Al Reyes, Philippines.

Hugh Riley, Scotland; Baby Rios, Mexico; Chamaco Rodriguez, Mexico; Chuy Rodriguez, Mexico; Panchito Saldivar, Mexico; Cesar Sanchez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Santos, Phoenix, Arizona; Sammy Serrano, Mexico.

Guillermo Tellez, Mexico; Chucho Tello, Mexico; Baby Tinajero, Mexico; Tuntun Torres, Mexico; Gino Tover, Brownsville, Texas.

Joey Valdez, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Rudy Valdez, Corpus Christi, Texas; Gildo Vargas, Mexico; Al Vega, Los Angeles, Calif.; Panchito Villa II, Mexico.

Class D

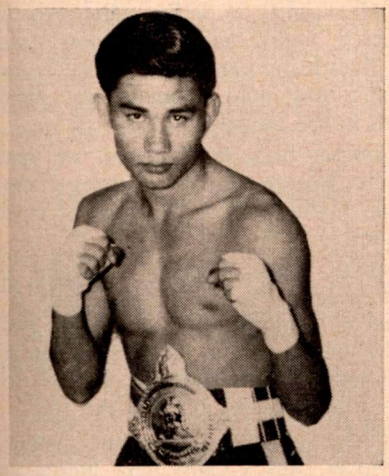
Ernesto Campbell, Panama; Pico Campo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gustavo Carrera, Brownsville, Texas; Vincent Castro, Stockton, Calif.; Julio Ceniserio, El Paso, Texas; Angel Coloncito, New York, N. Y.

Cholo Diaz, Panama; Larry Dingui, Hawaii; Raul Elizado, Los Angeles, Calif.; Kong Foo, Malaya; Lazaro Frutos, Panama.

Sandy Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.; Corky Gonzalez, Panama; Richard Guillen, Corpus Christi, Texas; Gus Hurtado, Los Angeles, Calif.

Richard Lara, El Paso, Texas; Charlie Marshall, Las Vegas, Nevada; Pepino Morales, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mits Okud, Hawaii; Jose Pacheco, Panama; Al Palpallatoc, Hawaii.

Ernesto Reid, Panama; Manuel Rodriguez, Puerto Rico; William Roncourt, Cuba; Larry Silva, Boston, Mass.; Rogelio Ybarra, Los Angeles, Calif.



PONE KINGPETCH

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion

Group I

1—Pascual Perez, Argentina

Group II

1—Pone Kingpetch, Thailand
2—Sadao Yaoita, Japan
3—Ramon Arias, Venezuela
4—Joe Medel, Mexico
5—Mimun Ben Ali, Spain
6—Dommy Ursua, Philippines
7—Hiram Bacallao, Cuba
8—Risto Luukonen, Finland
9—Ramon Calatayud, Venezuela
10—Larry Pineda, Philippines
11—Johnny Caldwell, Ireland
12—Young Martin, Spain (Retired)
13—Kenji Yonekura, Japan

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Class A

Horacio Accavallo, Argentina; Young Aquino, Philippines; Saul Becerril, Mexico; Jackie Brown, Scotland; Salvatore Burruni, Italy.

Mario DeLeon, Mexico; Kamara Diop, French-Senegal; Antonio Gomez, Argentina; Luis Gomez, Spain; Jean Guerard, France.

Rene Libeer, France; Jupiter Mansilla, Uruguay; Carlos Miranda, Argentina; Kyo Noguchi, Japan.

Jose Ogazon, Spain; Carlos Rodriguez, Argentina; Pierre Rossi, France.

Class B

Dennis Adams, South Africa; Alex Ambrose, Scotland; Ernesto Barrera, Mexico; Panchi Bhatachaji, India; Valentino, Campagni, Italy; Vic Campo, Philippines; Francisco Carreno, Spain.

Moses Edeki, Nigeria; Goyo Flores, Mexico; Nicolas Flores, Mexico; Arsushi Fukumoto, Japan.

Giuseppe Gaviano, Italy; Shigeru Ito, Japan; Frankie Jones, Scotland; Peter Laverv, Ireland; Monito Luna, Mexico; George McDade, England; Malcolm McLeod, England.

Salvatore Manca, Italy; Esteban Martin, France; Salvador Melendez, Mexico; Sakiet Mouloudji, French Algeria; Fred N'Gidi, South Africa.

Pedro Ortiz, Panama; Raton Osuna, Spain; Ray Pacheco, Las Vegas, Nev.; Bernardo Perez, Mexico; Ray Perez, Hawaii; Angelo Rampin, Italy; Little Rufe, Philippines.

Henri Schmid, France; Romy Sison, Philippines; Giacoma Spano, Italy; Toshiro Tanaka, Japan; Leo Zulueta, Philippines.

Class C

Don Armah, Ghana; Tommy Armour, Ireland; Cruz Arvelo, Mexico; Peter Baikgadi, South Africa; Luis Barba, Spain.

Eddie Baraclough, England; Gaby Beltran, Mexico; Silas Boko, Nigeria; Simon Carnozza, France; Juanito Cid, Spain; Baby Demilliones, Philippines; Moncef el Fehri, Spanish-Morocco; Baby Espinosa, Philippines; Esteben Figueroa, Mexico.

Gonzalo Galan, Mexico; Shigeru Ito, Japan; Little Joe, Ghana; Delfino Martinez, Mexico; Mauro Miranda, Mexico; David Monroy, Mexico.

Chatito Ochoa, Mexico; Felix Padilla, Mexico; Bernardo Perez, Mexico; Eligio Pontiles, Panama; Choco Rodriguez, Mexico.

Baby Ross, Philippines; Cuervo Salinas, Mexico; Kid Tacio Jr., Philippines; Miguel Ulloa, Mexico; Pollito Uribe, Mexico.

Class D

Babe Balles, Los Angeles, Calif.; Carlos Cruz, Panama; Ronnie DeCost, Brockton, Mass.

Francisco Ortiz, McAllen, Texas; Tino Salazar, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gopal Valdez, Malaya; Viva Zapata, Philippines.

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CHARLIE SCOTT

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What happened? Parks gained a ten round draw with the champion and climbed in one year from a rating as a class "D" fighter in the annual ratings for 1958 to the ninth rated world lightweight in the January Issue of The Ring Magazine. You figure it!

To prove this was no fluke Joey went on to make a creditable showing in losing the verdict to Brown in a second bout.

The name Billy Hunter is well known to viewers of televised fights during the past year. But who had ever heard of Hunter before? A veteran of twenty-three fights, spaced over a career dating back to 1954, with a year of complete inactivity in 1956, he was considered a trial horse for rising young heavyweights like Sonny Liston, who knocked him out in two rounds in 1958.

The annual ratings a year ago listed the Detroit, Michigan battler in Class "C".

Hunter started the past year with a win over Nat Dixon and then another over veteran Bob Baker, formerly highly regarded, but considered as "over the hill". Then Hunter lost a ten round decision to young hopeful Alonzo Johnson at Madison Square Garden. A draw with Don Warner did little to boost his stock but then things began to happen.

From the status of "just another heavyweight," Hunter jumped into the world ratings. He knocked out a rated heavyweight, Alex Miteff, in seven rounds.

Many considered this a flash in the pan incident but Hunter was not to be denied and a month later a seven round kayo over highly touted Tony Anthony lifted Hunter stock sky high. To spike any thoughts that he had been lucky, he gave Miteff another crack at him and won a ten round decision to consolidate his position as the number eight heavyweight in the world.

VON CLAY ANOTHER STAR UP FROM CLASS C

Another pugilist to climb from a Class 'C" ranking to the heights over the past year was the light heavyweight Von Clay. By the January issue he was ranked fifth among the light heavyweights.

Clay started out in 1957 as a middleweight and showed good promise fighting six opponents through 1957-1958, gaining five wins and one draw over the usual type of material met by a new face trying to make the grade.

He took up where he left off this past year and racked up four straight knockouts, the last two over top men like Clarence Hinnant and Sonny Ray.

In his last 1959 outing he gained a ten round draw with Kid Sixto Rodriguez, highly rated, who crashed through the barrier from a Class "B" rating into the rated circle during the past year. In the January issue Clay climbed to a fifth ranking and Rodriguez to sixth.

Among the foremost of those crashing into prominence during 1959 was an Irish Bantamweight, Freddie Gilroy. A graduate of the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, and picked last year as a lad to watch, Gilroy zoomed across the fistic heavens from a Class "A" rating a year ago to garner the British, British Empire, and European bantam titles and climbed to as high as fourth among world bantamweights during the past year. His most recent win was over Piero Rollo, Italian, whom he defeated over 15 rounds for the European title.

Another outstanding performance among the bantams was achieved by Philippine speedster, Danny Kid, who skyrocketed from Class "B" to rating in the January Issue as the second best of his division in the world.

The prolific bantams came into their own with Brazilian Eder Jofre and Edwin Sykes of Panama, who climbed from the relative unknowns of Class "B" and Class "A" last year, to as high as seven and eight respectively for 1959.

Herman Marques, from Stockton, California, another bantam, also moved up from the Class "A" annual ratings to as high as ninth during the year.

LUIS RODRIGUEZ TOPS CUBA's PROGRESS CLAN

Cuba threw its hat into the ring with four outstanding gladiators bidding for recognition. Chief among them was the welterweight from Camaguey, the same locale that produced Kid Gavilan. Luis Rodriguez was a Class "B" fighter a year ago and who is currently rated as the second best of all the world's welters. He was one of those carefully screened in the search for the top man of the year.

Fighting since 1956, Luis has had twenty-three professional contests and has won them all with the exception of one contest in Havana, early in his career, that was called "no contest." He is the Cuban welterweight champion, and has reached his exalted position by knocking out veteran Joe Miceli, then Cecil Shorts, going on to gain a big win over ex welter champ, Virgil Akins, in a big upset, and continuing his triumphant march by winning over Rudell Stitch, Larry Baker and Issac Logart, all top men.

The Pearl of the Antilles produced other stars this year. Hiram Bacallao, Cuban flyweight champ, who moved up from a Class "B" to seventh in January ratings; Florentino Fernandez, number nine welter, rated as a Class "A" lightweight last year; and Sugar Ramos, featherweight, who drew with Ike Chestnut in ten rounds and then won a ten round decision over Sonny Leon in Leon's own back yard, Caracas. Ramos was a Class "B" fighter last year but these spectacular victories lifted him into tenth ranking in the January issue of The Ring.

While still in the warmer climes let's move to Mexico and look over its contributions for 1959.

First to come to mind is Raymundo (Battling) Torres, of Reynosa, who made the march from Class "A" featherweight to number 4 lightweight. This eighteen-year-old has had thirty straight victories in three years of campaigning over some of the best in his class. Names like ex-champ Billy Peacock, Paul Armstead, Frankie Ryff, Johnny Busso, to name a few.

Joe Medel, a twenty-one-year-old flyweight from Mexico City, who was an "A" class flyweight last year and has rolled into the ratings as far as number three, received attention.

He climbed out of his weight class this year to win the Mexican bantamweight title from Jose Lopez.

Another from the land of the bull fights who made marked progress is lightweight Mauro Vasquez who moved into the ratings during the year from a Class "A" featherweight.

An entrant from Argentina is Ernesto Miranda, a hard fighting bantamweight, who was rated Class "A" a year ago and whisked himself as high as eighth during 1959. Panama added to the prestige gained by Edwin Sykes, when 1958 Class "A" Frederico Thompson defeated welter champ Don Jordan in a non-title fight to gain the international rankings.

The Philippine Islands were represented by little Larry Pineda, a Class "B" flyweight, in 1958, who recently defeated highly ranked Ramon Arias and then lost a close ten-round decision in a return bout. Pineda was rated tenth in the January listings.

Coming back to America, we spot Denny Moyer, Rudell Stitch, Henry Hank, Harold Gomes, who made rapid progress.

Moyer, from Portland, Oregon, a welterweight, climbed from a Class "A" rating to rank as high as number two in his class and is still rated fourth after losing a fifteen-round decision to Don Jordan in his bid for the title.

Stitch, fighting in the same division as Moyer, was a Class "A" fighter in 1958, and is now rated immediately behind Moyer, in fifth position, in the monthly ratings.

Detroit's Henry Hank, a middle-

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weight, defeated Jimmy Beecham and Charley Joseph (after losing to Joseph earlier), Willie Vaughn, Neal Rivers, Holly Mims, George Benton and, in his last showing, went out of his class to knock out highly rated light heavyweight Jesse Bowdry.

Harold Gomes of Providence, the junior lightweight champion of the world, was undefeated in 1959, winning over Paul Jorgensen, Jimmy Kelly for the New England Junior lightweight crown, and in a return with Paul Jorgensen for the World Junior lightweight championship. He defeated Jay Fullmer, brother of NBA middle champ, Gene, in his last appearance this year. Gomes leaped into the featherweight ratings and climbed up to become the number two man from a rating in Class "A" in 1958.

ERSKINE TOP PROGRESS CANDIDATE FROM ENGLAND

England was represented by Joe Erskine, rated as high as sixth from his Class "A" effort of 1958. Great Britain was represented by other parts of its empire. From Scotland, Chic Calderwood, listed in Class "B" in 1958, jumped to a number eighth in January ranking.

Nigeria was enthusiastic over a brace of its countrymen, Dick Tiger, who having won the British Empire middleweight title, went on to gain a place in the ratings in his division after being rated Class "A" in 1958, and Rafiu King, a featherweight, who climbed from Class "B" to eighth this year.

Italy also had a duo to give her places in the fistic sun. Light heavyweight Sante Amonti, who was listed Class "B" last year, undefeated in his professional career, was rated as high as ninth. Mario Vecchiato, European lightweight champion, made his bid for recognition by a lofty move from Class "A" to tenth in his class.

Finland has an entrant in a flyweight, Risto Luukkonen. Risto was among the Class "A" flyweights in 1958 and after winning the European title in his division climbed to eighth among the world contenders.

TONY CANZONERI

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the windup. He put Jimmy down in the second frame and fought viciously to the finish, winning the decision.

That bout, said Canzoneri, though not his toughest, stood out more prominently in his mind than any other he had fought. Considering that he faced the cream of the lightweights and welterweights, among them Billy Petrolle, Barney Ross, Jackie Berg, Johnny Jadick, Eddie 'Kid' Wolfe, McLarnin, Stanislaus Loayza, Lou Ambers, Kid Chocolate, Cecil Payne, Joe Glick and Sammy Fuller among others, that's saying a lot for McLarnin as a fighter.

Jimmy gave Tony his worst defeat when they met the second time—on October 5, 1936, McLarnin winning the decision in ten.

Canzoneri was a leader in an era of great champion. His blazing, pleasing ring style brought him 25 appearances in Madison Square Garden—a record. Only one fighter, Beau Jack, came close to that mark. He gained his prestige through honesty and dignity he brought into the boxing business.

Tony was only eleven when he first appeared at Gayosa's Gym in New Orleans, training quarters for Pete Herman and other Louisiana stars of that era. Herman took a liking to the 80 pound youth and after teaching him to box, Pete wrote to his friend, Sammy Goldman, advising him to take over.

For three years Goldman had Tony fighting as a simon pure then when he entered him for his first pro fight, he faked his age to meet the requirements of the law. It wasn't until after his fight with Benny Bass for the featherweight crown, that William Muldoon, the head of the New York Commission, learned of the fraud and demanded the scalp of Tony and his mentor. Canzoneri was only eighteen when he fought Bass, though his license showed him to be two years older. The Commission opposed long route performances by boxers under twenty.

And thereby hangs a tale. In November, 1929, the press announced that Canzoneri was celebrating his twenty-first birthday. This did not escape the eagle eye of Muldoon, then ranking autocrat of the Boxing Board, who bellowed wrathfully. Muldoon was a stickler for enforcing laws. He and his associates had ruled that no boxer be permitted to practice his art in any but a six round bout if he were under the age of twenty-one. And here this brash young Canzoneri had been scrapping in ten rounders long before attaining the age of consent!

It was too much for Muldoon. He ordered an investigation. He demanded that the affidavits of Canzoneri and Goldman and all other boxers of questionable age be brought to him. He learned to his amazement that the four Silver brothers of Brooklyn, were either unprecedented products of Nature or had been doing some artistic lying since their affidavits showed that Marty was born on January 21, 1903; Joe on June 19 and Pal on May 10 of the same year!

As for Canzoneri and Goldman, neither was punished and Tony continued after altering his date of birth when he renewed his license.

On July 17, 1925, Canzoneri made his pro debut at the Rockaway Beach Arena where he knocked out Jack Gardner in the opening round. From then on he engaged in thirty-one bouts without a defeat, several being no-decision contests. A few ended in a draw.

His record during the next three years bristled with outstanding victories over leading men in both the bantam and feather classes. And on February 10, 1928, by decree of the New York State Commission, he met Benny Bass in a fifteen round bout to determine a new world featherweight champion and Tony ascended the throne, but ten months later he relinquished it on a rather questionable decision to Andre Routis, of France.

He had missed winning the bantam title from Bud Taylor by a hair's breadth. Following the loss of the feather title, he set sail for the lightweight crown and achieved his goal.

He came close to getting it the first time he tried when he almost succeeded in knocking out Sammy Mandell. The referee voted for Canzoneri but the judges gave Sammy the honors and Tony had to wait until he put Al Singer away before he could gain his goal.

After his retirement; Canzoneri became an actor. He joined Comic Joe Adams in a night club and vaudeville act, then opened his own summer theatre in Long Beach, Long Island.

Following his stage retirement, he opened a bar and restaurant on Broadway and it became a sportsmen's rendezvous.

MAX ADELBERT BAER

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One day he came across Arthur Pelky in a gym and baited Pelky into sparring with him.

Pelky had this to say to Max afterwards:

"You're nuts, kid—either I've lost my punch in the last five minutes or you're a freak with a jaw of iron."

"While Arthur left the vicinity without doing much for me," said Max, *"the word got around as to how I had managed to sample his best blows and then I was lucky enough to go to work for a fellow by the name of J. Hamilton Lorimer, who was a fight nut and he got me started."*

"I had a trainer by the name of Bob McAllister, though I didn't give the guy a chance to teach me too much. I mainly depended on this." He held up his big right hand.

"My first professional fight was with an Indian by the name of Chief Caribou, a familiar figure in California rings," recalled Max.

The contest is listed in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book as a two round knockout for Baer.

Max's early boxing philosophy was formulated with this success. He was told that he had the physical equipment

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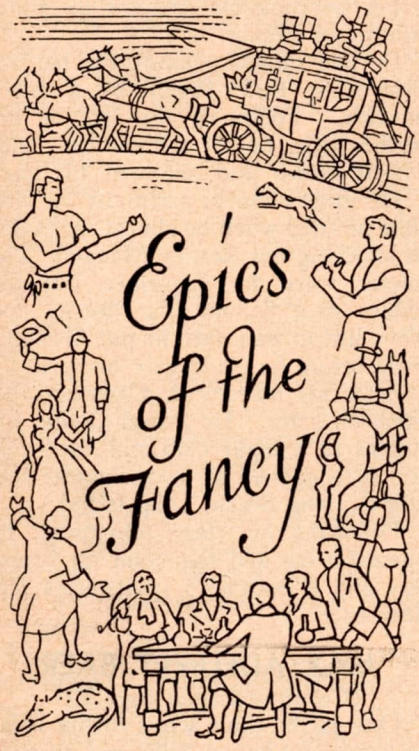

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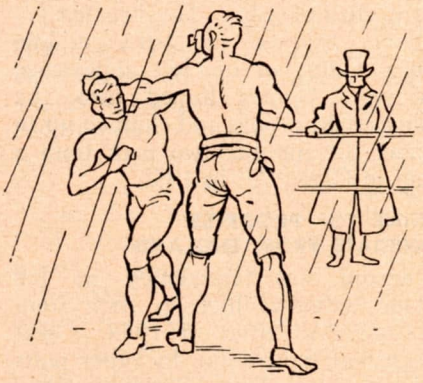

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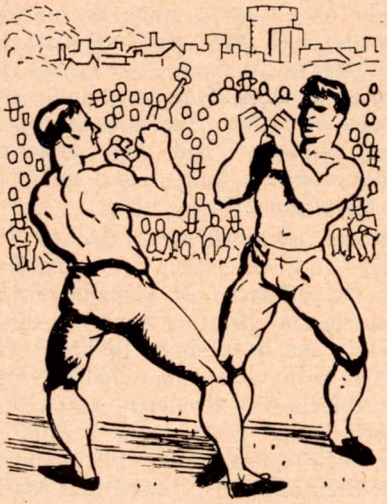

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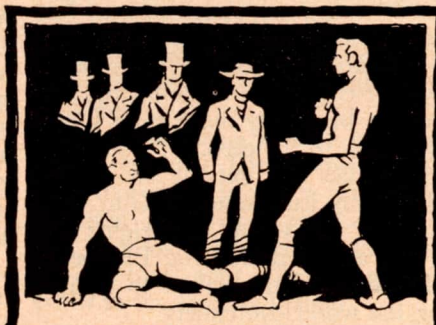

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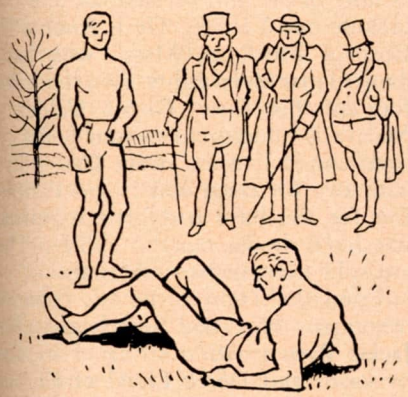

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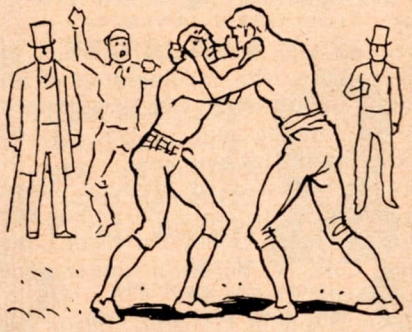

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YOUNG AND WILLING—

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Clifton, Arizona, has a lone loss in sixteen starts. Roque who has halted eight opponents, lists a dozen wins in a row.

The welters have the listing of fourteen. A twenty-five year old Algerian from Oran, Ahmed Sebane leads the field with eighteen straight victories, six of them via the knockout route.

Paddy Gill of Ireland, now living in Dorchester, Mass., has lost once in a dozen bouts. He has recorded nine kayos, the last seven in a row. Also on a kayo streak is Ronnie Cohen of New Rochelle, N. Y. Ronnie has flattened his last seven foes with an all over twelve-two-two mark.

A trio of Philadelphians who have shown no brotherly love for their foes, are Johnny Clyde, Stan Hayward and Dick Turner. Johnny with five wins in six starts, lost his second bout and now has won four in a row, the last over veteran Johnny Cunningham. He has kayoed three. Dick has stiffened all four of his foes while Stan has kayoed three of four.

An up-state neighbor, Joe Salci of Wilkes-Barre, who is doing most of his fighting in Baltimore, Md., has stopped four in winning nine of ten. He recently reversed his lone loss.

George Maddox of Hyannis, Mass. has won all of his ten starts, ending five inside the limit. Bobby Bartels of Long Island City, N. Y., has a nine-two-one record with four kayos.

John White of Portland, Oregon has four strung on his belt with a lone kayo. T. J. Jones from Fairfield, Mississippi, down in the Delta country, has finished off five of his six victims. Art Garcia out of Oakland, Calif., lists three kayo triumphs in his four for five log. Jim Connors of Sharon, Mass. has six straight with four kayos.

The final pair are Sam Peranick of Hamilton, Ont., Canada, undefeated in four starts with two kayos, and Brian Curvis of Wales, younger brother of former British Empire titleholder Cliff. Like Cliff, Brian is a portsider who has kayoed five in winning seven straight.

Pennsylvania has three representatives in the lightweight group and they come from as many corners of the State. Johnny Bizzarro, Italian born boy who hails from Erie who lost his first fight in 1958 to Carmie Price, has amassed a record of six consecutive victories since, with thirteen knockouts. His future looks extremely bright. Fernce, (call me Fred) Martinovich, a Hungarian born Pittsburgher has won six bouts in seven starts with four knockouts. He likewise looks like a comer. Sid Adams, a potent puncher from Philadelphia, is the last of this trio. Sid has had thirteen fights with seven kayoes and one draw. Adams lists Luke Easter and Bobby Rogers among his victims.

New Jersey too has lads from opposite ends of the state in Dan Livingston of Trenton with a six and one mark and Dave Coventry, an English born, Kearny resident also has the same mark.

Norm Smith, ex golden gloves champion from the fighting Smith clan of Washington, D. C., has won all of his six bouts, four via the kayo route. Richie Grassley of Providence, R. I. has rolled up eight kayos and two losses in ten bouts. Chuck Whittaker of Los Angeles has stopped seven in winning eleven of fourteen.

The remaining trio are Mexico's Victorio Guzman with five straight kayos; Alssea Hashas of Algeria who has halted thirteen of his fourteen victims and Gary Cowbrun of Australia. The Aussie is eight for eight with six short routers.

Of the ten featherweights listed only Eddie Whitaker of Louisville, Ky. is an American. Twenty-two year old Eddie has six victories for six, with four kayos. The other lads are all from across the seas or south of the border.

Leading the pack is Wally Taylor of Australia. Wally, last year's British Empire games champion, has fought only six bouts as a pro, winning all, half by kayos. He already has won the Australian featherweight crown. One of his closest challengers is David Floyd who has eleven straight wins, eight by knockouts.

Panama has a trio of young stars in Eloy Henry, Stanley Wilson and Patrocinio Allen. Henry, undefeated in ten bouts with nine kayos, has bested Wilson who has a draw to go with the loss hung on him by Eloy, while Allen, a star amateur, has won three of four bouts. Wilson has had nine fights.

Two other Latins are undefeated, Anselmo Castillo of Puerto Rico and Carlos Hernandez of Venezuela. Castillo, doing his fighting in the U.S., has an eight for eight record while Carlos traveling in top company, has a draw with Doug Vaillant to mar his dozen fights. He has kayoed eight with Rodolfo Frances, Luke Easter and Angel Garcia among those he has defeated. Bobby McEwan of Scotland who has done all of his pro fighting in the U.S., has won three straight and has shown good boxing skill. Howard Winstone of England, with a string of nine in a row, completes this impressive class.

The two lower classes follow the featherweight in the trend away from U.S. boys. Of the dozen bantamweights listed, only three are Americans. Ceser Sanchez of Los Angeles, with a mark of fourteen out of seventeen, lists all three of his conquerors among his victims. Charlie Branch, of Philadelphia who though he had only three pro fights was a top amateur. He boxed a draw with featherweight Vernon Lynch and must be given a nod; Richard Guillan of Corpus Christi, Texas is the other Yankee. Dick lost his second bout and now has a five for six mark.

Cuba has a pair of comers in Ignacio Perez and Jorge Nunez. Perez has a six-one-two log and kayoed the lone man to beat him. Though Nunez's seven-four mark does not look too good, three of his losses were to featherweights.

From far off Malaya comes Kong Foo with a string of three straight. Bertand Dortigene of France recently suffered his first loss after winning twenty-two in a row, half by kayos. Roy Beamon of England has recorded nine straight kayos, while Welshman Johnny Thomas is nine for nine with seven kayos. He is the younger brother of former British champion Eddie Thomas.

Bernie Taylor of South Africa, an ex-amateur star has had only five fights, but in his third he won the South African title by whipping ex-Empire champion Dennis Adams.

Surprisingly there are nine flyweights of note in our 1960 selections, and they include one Yankee. He is Ronnie DeCost of Brockton, Mass., who has a draw to mar seven fights. Ron has halted four of his foes. Gopal Valdez of Malaya is undefeated in four bouts.

A pair of Panama rivals, Carlos Cruz with two for three and Eligio Pontiles, five for six, have had little experience but have shown marked ability. They are split even in two meetings.

From the Tight Little Isle come another pair of rivals, Scotch champion Jackie Brown with a string of six, four by kayos and Derek Lloyd of England who was recently handed his first loss in eleven bouts on a cut eye by Brown.

The final three in the list are Mexican, Sal Melendez of Acapulco, and David Monroy and Gonsalo Galan of Mexico City.

Sal has four for five, listing Galan among his victims, while Gonsalo in turn handed Monroy his only loss in four starts. He has compiled a four and two mark. His other loss was to a bantanweight.

For a trio of best bets, we tab Pickett, Norm Smith and Sid Adams.

IT REALLY WAS ODD

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This wasn't an innovation, since this sort of presentation was quite the thing at the exclusive club back in the days of "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, decades ago. The top hats and pearl studded spats belonged to the past, but the patrons were as excited as in the long ago, cheering both fighters with impartiality. Many never had attended a fight. The only departure from the gentility of the surroundings was the result of the match, "Bad Willie" Gray being knocked out in the first round by New England light heavyweight champion, Billy Ryan, Rocky Marciano protege. Everyone had a good seat and apparently a good time.

Statewide prohibition went out one door and professional fighting came in the other in Oklahoma City on August 4 when the veteran "Chief" Alvin Williams and Alvin Green of Tyler, Tex., tangled in a bout marking the return of legalized boxing, and legal liquor.

In San Jose, Calif., on November 3, Big Duke Sabedong, of Honolulu, erupted like the volcanoes of his Pacific home, and it took the joint efforts of the police and all the corner men to tranquilize him. The 217-pound Samoan charged wildly out of his corner at the start of the second round after shoving opponent Willie Richardson of San Jose through the ropes at the bell ending the first round, and went berserk.

After it was all over, Sabedong said he went out of his head after being nailed by a punch in the first round.

Time out had to be called when referee Billy Taylor went lame in the fifth round of a match with George Ross, of Hartford, and Johnny Taylor, of New York, in Hartford on March 24. The official pulled a leg tendon and five minutes were taken out to strap the limb, so he could resume his duties.

Taking a leaf from the book of one time bantam contender, Kayo Morgan, who picketed Mike Jacobs' old Hippodrome fight arena back in the Thirties, middleweight Joe Lissy and manager Willie Grunes, formed a two man picket line in front of Madison Square Garden in protest against their inability to get a ten-round bout for the Brooklynite. Matchmaker Jackie Barrett's rejoinder, that Lissy, off his record, didn't rate a "Tenner" was obviously accepted by the labor vote for there was no reluctance crossing the "picket line" by Garden-bound customers last January 30.

Down in Argentina who should pop up with an unusual complaint but Luis Angel Firpo. The old "Wild Bull of the Pampas" was now concerned about pigs. Scoundrels were raiding his ranch in Lujan, Argentina, and purloining his porkers, wailed Firpo. Sixty-eight pigs—cash value $225—had been made off with. The week previous, he disclosed the pampas hijackers had stolen a steer and all this was making the "Wild Bull" really wild.

MAX BAER

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but that he would have to learn how to box.

His reaction was typical:

"Learn? what do I need to learn? I've got the hardest punch in the world. In any fight of any length I'm bound to hit a guy with it and that's all I need is one sock and away they'll go!"

In his recent visit to The Ring office, Max in a more serious moment admitted that this way of thinking was erroneous but that it had taken him many years to find it out.

Max telegraphed his big right hand. *"Sure I did, but I sent so many wires that my antagonists got confused and usually stiffened,"* was Max's answer.

The swashbuckling, ebullient Baer, motivated by complete confidence, moved through his opponents until Lormier allowed Ancil Hoffman to move into the picture to guide the destiny of the Baer star.

There is little doubt that had Baer the killer instinct of his early career and had he bothered to learn the finer points of his trade, he would have been one of the greatest heavyweights of recent years.

Many believe that a little of Max died with Frankie Campbell. More sentimental than he cared to admit and not quite so sure of himself as he led the outside world to believe, Max came a cropper of his conscience. Campbell was stopped by Max in the fifth round and he died in a hospital the next day. To those who were close to the buffoon of swat, there was a noticeable change in the ring—he had lost some of his killer instinct and he was never completely to regain it.

Despite all of his shortcomings, it can be said of Baer that he talked a good fight and fought as he talked—magnificently!

Max was twenty-five when he won the world heavyweight crown he was always in the limelight, a "personality" up to the time of his death.

The public had their last glimpse of Baer about a week previous to his demise when he refereed a Zora Folley fight on television. He had been seen by lesser audiences as a referee for wrestling matches, svelt and almost as well proportioned in his grey working flannels, as in those days when he wowed the girls and was the envy of all the men.

If there was any change it would have been the hardly perceptible paunch that had grown around his middle.

When he visited The Ring headquarters, Max appeared perfectly groomed, debonair, with the exaggerated wide shoulders that only the best tailoring could achieve. He was brimming over with the fast patter that had become his stock in trade as one of the most colorful boxing figures in or out of a ring.

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SPIDER WEBB FAILS

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two and one even.

Fullmer, hailing from West Jordan, scaled 159¾ to 157¾ for the Spider. Webb was 8 to 5 in the betting, with Gene the favorite.

Gene switched strategies often, changing from a smashing right to the body to more orthodox left leads and fought with his bull rushes and peculiar cross-armed defense throughout the evening. Webb opened a small cut at the side of Fullmer's left eye in the second round and another over the right eye in the fifteenth. Aside from those minor injuries, neither boxer suffered any wounds.

It was not until the fourteenth round that Webb showed signs of tiring. The bout being his first over ten rounds, it was expected that he would find trouble going the route. In the final frame his knees were wobbly after Fullmer had connected with powerful lefts to the jaw, but Spider held up well in the other rounds.

Fullmer's bludgeoning attack was continuous in the last two frames when he opened up and tossed all he had to make certain he retained his crown. But he couldn't drop the lanky, sturdy challenger. Once in the seventh round, a right to the jaw made Webb wince and he rushed into a clinch. But he came out of it well, and won the round.

It was in the first and fourth rounds that Fullmer went down and Referee Shulsen ruled each a slip. In the tenth Webb went to the canvas from a slip. He also slipped in the opening round.

It was a rousing fight only in spots and dull in several rounds in which Fullmer kept circling the ring waiting for his rival to come to him. In the tenth, in more than two-thirds of the round neither did a lick and the crowd booed. Gene refused to lead and Webb beckoned to the champion to come forth and fight but all he got was a smile from Gene who later explained: "*It was my title he was after. It was up to him to come and get it as challenger.*"

The best rounds were the ninth and last two in which Gene tossed aside caution and opened up an attack that had the crowd in an uproar. But he didn't have it all his way. Webb caught him with several rights that sent him sprawling into the ropes but Gene's defense was too tight for Spider to follow his advantage.

The fight, co-promoted by Norman Rothchild of Syracuse and the Inter-Mountain Club, was witnessed by Governor Clyde of Utah who was my neighbor in a ringside press seat.

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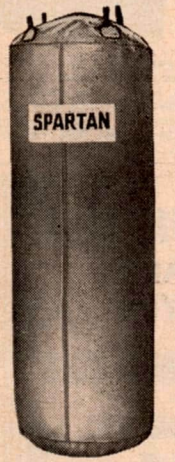

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a second and then effectively counter charge.

In the sixth they stood toe-to-toe and punished each other with relentless fury borne of desperate, almost insane, will to win. As Basilio bore the brunt of the attack and found an iron-bodied Fullmer refusing to weaken, the former welterweight and middleweight champion tired to the point of signalling that his defeat was near at hand. The fancy-stepping Fullmer rode it high as he stepped up his pace, punishing the great little fighter who would not call it quits.

The eighth saw Basilio get home his best blow of the evening as he ripped a right to the jaw that sent Fullmer hurtling against the ropes. But Gene bounced back and looped a left which made Basilio shudder. Basilio was on his last legs. In the ninth a left hook dug into his body and almost tore him in two. The fight continued along the same pattern, an already beaten Basilio battering forward, a careful and cautious Fullmer countering with hard and telling blows.

Basilio did all the leading; he made the fight. Fullmer could not be faulted on carrying out orders; on taking advantage of an obvious situation which, for him, was a perfect fight.

The end came as Basilio, staggering, defenseless, ripe for the first knockout of his career, was helpless on the ropes, plastered there as a vicious, power loaded right hand of Fullmer's connected on the battered and swollen battle-scarred face. Referee Jack Downey wrapped his arms around the beaten hulk of a great fighter as Basilio, game to the last, fight still left in him, through punched-puffed lips, protested.

The Fight of the Year produced a far different battle than was anticipated. Fullmer, a decided underdog, won in surprising, championship fashion. Basilio lost like a king of the ring.

BUTT FOR BROWN

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From the first Bell against Charnley he just registered class. Charnley, only 5 feet 5 inches, found himself short of reach.

Most of the Englishman's left swings were short in the opening round, mainly due to Brown's academic left jab, and by moving backwards only slightly, he was able to avoid Dave's best blows. The champion put a fixed stare on his challenger like a snake fascinated by the music of a snake-charmer. All the time, we at the ringside knew he was waiting to strike, and by the end of the first round Charnley's forehead and cheek was red from that left jab.

It was again the same tactics in the second. Brown moved in and out too fast to be caught by the short Charnley. The Englishman had a slight cut under his left eye, but was not troubled by it. Brown showed some of his fighting viciousness in the third round, when he cut loose with scythe-like punches to Charnley's head, but the Britisher stood his ground.

The fifth was Charnley's best round—the only one I scored for him. He began for the first time to use his right for punching. It was clear he would never reach the elusive Brown with a right jab, but by moving in, he showed that Joe could be caught with hooks. The hopes of the small English ringside contingent began to rise for the first time, but then came the cut eye which meant another British wake, and that Joe Brown, one of the great lightweights, was the winner and still champion.

DINNER MONDAY NIGHT, NOV. 23, 1959, tendered to Sam Taub, sportscaster and boxing chronicler, at the Treadway Inn, Norwalk, Conn.
Seated above—left to right—Sam Taub, Floyd Patterson, former heavyweight king . . . Toastmaster Dr. David Sloman . . . Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, and Dan Florio, Floyd's trainer.
Standing—Robert Katz, Mayor John Shastak, Toastmaster Phil Baker, former lightweight star, and William Heinz, newspaper and magazine expert, main speaker.

TITLE BOUTS INTERNATIONAL

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South American rings also were busy with importations, among them a world champion (welterweight Don Jordan) and two Spanish headliners, lightweight Fred Galiana and featherweight Manola Garcia. Several Italians, including former European featherweight champion Sergio Caprari, made jaunts to various sectors of the continent, as did a team of Japanese and Filipinos. (It was in Venezuela that a Filipino, welterweight Rocky Kalingo, turned in that startling one-round demolition job on the highly-rated Cuban, Florentino Fernandez.)

YANKEE TOURISTS.

Jordan and Davey Moore were two Yank world champions to strut their stuff in alien climes in 1959. Welterweight Don didn't fare too well, however, in his non-title expedition to South America. He opened his tour with a win in Brazil but in his next outing was the victim of one of the year's most stunning surprises. A local entry, Federico Thompson, flattened him in the fourth round in Argentina. It was the first time in his career that Jordan had been counted out.

Featherweight Moore had much better luck in his venture outside the United States. He hopped over to England for one brief appearance, wrecking the British champion, Bobby Neill, in less than a round.

The much-travelled middleweight veteran, Jimmy Martinez, added Australia to his itinerary during the year. Other American visitors to Australia were middleweight Willie Vaughn and welterweight George Berry. Vaughn also boxed in New Zealand. Heavyweight Mike DeJohn fought in England. Heavyweight Bert Whitehurst and middleweight Randy Sandy had dates in England and Germany. Middleweight Del Flanagan strutted his stuff in Thailand. Lightweight Tommy Tibbs appeared in the Philippines and Cuba.

Welterweight Ted Wright and lightweight Charley Douglas operated extensively in Italy. Middleweight Gene Johns had ring engagements in Scotland, Italy and France. Ex-featherweight champion Willie Pep ended his long career with a date in Venezuela. As mentioned a few paragraphs ago, light-heavyweights Jerry Luedee, Donnie Fleeman and Sixto Rodriguez journeyed to South Africa. Featherweight Ike Chestnut scattered action in Mexico, Panama and Venezuela.

Heavyweight Bob Baker, lightweight Eddie Perkins and bantamweight Boots Monroe were only a few of the many Yanks to fight in Mexico. Welterweight Ralph Dupas boxed in Jamaica. His brother, Tony, also a welterweight, filled a date in Trinidad. Middleweight Charley Cotton and welterweight Clarence Cook displayed their wares in Aruba. Middleweight Andy Mayfield showed in the Bahamas.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For The Month Ending December 20, 1959

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Zora Folley outpointed Alonzo Johnson, 10.
Sonny Liston halted Willi Besmanoff, 7.
British and Empire champion Henry Cooper retained his title kayoing Joe Erskine, 12. Mike DeJohn outpointed Dick Richardson, 10. Roy Harris outscored Alejandro Lavorante, 10.
Billy Hunter edged out Alex Miteff, 10. Canadian champion George Chuvalo retained his title kayoing Yvon Durelle, 12.
Nino Valdes stopped Brian London, 7. Argentina champion Jose Georgetti kayoed Rinaldo Ansaloni, 1. Pete Rademacher won from Johnny Yorck, 8.
Lee Williams outscored Bert Whitehurst, 10. Harold Carter beat Johnny Jenkins, 8. George Mahoni defeated Chuck Woodworth, 12.
Don Warner kayoed Billy Black, 2. Joe Hemphill stopped Cal Butler, 8. George Logan kayoed Herman Henry, 3. George Moore halted Joe Drosey, 8.
Waban Thomas defeated Dan Vanderford, 10. Hosa Chapman outscored Tunny Hunsaker, 12. Paul Andrews kayoed Otis Fuller, 7. Tom McNeely kayoed Lou Jones, 4.
Bob Cleroux kayoed Tyler Young, 1. Willie Bell defeated Dave Shoulders, 6. Roy Smith beat Andy Isaacs, 6. Tony Hughes defeated Johnny Hobart, 6. Jake Williams defeated Jim McCarter, 6.
LaMar Clark kayoed Charlie Davis, 1. Joe Sullivan won from Andy Isaacs, 6. Adriano Amati defeated Jose Gonzalez, 8. Eddie Jackson kayoed Bill MacMurray, 2.
Joe Louis Adams kayoed David Palmer, 1. Tod Herring kayoed Abe Lewis, 1, and Jack Richardson, 1. Carl Looney kayoed Tex Urbauer, 4, and drew with Jim Fisher, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

South African Champion Mike Holt drew with Johnny Halafihi, 10, and whipped Sixto Rodriguez, 10.
Jesse Bowdry was kayoed by middleweight Henry Hank, 10.
Willie Pastrano returned to the light heavyweights by outpointing Charley Pavlis, 10. Donnie Fleeman outscored heavyweight Garvin Sawyer, 10.
Freddie Blades stopped Joey Rowan, 7. Rodolfo Diaz kayoed Guillermo Dutchmann, 3. John Bonner decisioned Benny Thomas, 8.
Joe Dorsey was stopped by heavyweight George Moore, 8. Bobby Lane whipped Georgia Kid, 8. Sammy Jordan kayoed Eskil Emerson, 5. French Champion Paul Roux outpointed Ildefonse Warusfel, 10.
John Balla and James Jackson drew, 10. Bartono Soni stopped Don McAteer, 4. Clay Thomas kayoed Willie Morris, 4, and Sherman Goodman, 1.
Joe Stevenson kayoed Connie Vaughn, 6. Mel Fulgham defeated Cleo Fraizer, 6. Jim O'Connell kayoed Ken Griggs, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Sugar Ray Robinson returned to action kayoing Bob Young, 2 (non-title).
Gene Fulmer retained his N.B.A. title by outpointing Spider Webb, 15.
European champion Gustav Scholz retained his title kayoing Andre Drille, 14. Paul Pender outboxed Gene Hamilton, 10.
Henry Hank kayoed light heavyweight Jesse Bowdry, 10. Holly Mims lost to welterweight Rudell Stitch, 10. George Benton halted Gene Washington, 10.
Joey Giambra outboxed Orlando DiPietro, 10. Rory Calhoun beat Tony Masciarelli, 10. Neal Rivers defeated Al Williams, 10. Hector Rodriguez won on a disqualification over Andres Selpa, 5; Andres then kayoed Americo Cordoba, 2.
Fumio Kaizu kayoed Dowthong Singhapalop, 1, to win the Orient title. Kang Sechui bested Young Paulino, 10. Yama Bahama whipped Georgia Kid, 10. Johnny Morris kayoed Bobby Hughes, 7. Tony Dupas stopped Walter Moerbe, 7.
Jimmy Beecham defeated Jesse Smith, 10. Phil Moyer bested Glenn Burgess, 10. Bobby Gordon kayoed Jimmy Peters, 6. Felipe Cambeiro defeated Paulo Sacoman, 10. Gilbert Lavoine defeated Lou Perry, 10.
Gene (Ace) Armstrong decisioned Rudy Ellis, 10. Rudolph Bent upset Jimmy Martinez, 10. Rocky Fumerelle decisioned Joe Miceli, 10.
Willie Dockery outscored George Harrell, 8. Charlie Cotton won over Clarence Riley, 8. Ubaldo Sacco kayoed Hector Mora, 7. Johnny Otto stopped Jojo Sanchez, 2, and beat Mike DeFeo, 6.
Jose Gonzalez defeated Jimmy Landeron, 8. Joe DeNucci won over Eddie Connors, 10. Lino Rendon and Greatest Crawford drew, 6. Obduilio Nunez kayoed Joe Fusco, 7.
Joey Archer bested Aman Peck, 10. Ramon Hernandez kayoed Tony Silva, 1. Jimmy Remson kayoed Willie Epps, 3. Memo Ayon upset Ray Terrazas, 10.
Georgia Kid lost to Claude Williams, 10, Yama Bahama, 10, and Bobby Lane, 8. Leon Stewart won over Sam Spade, 8. Yvon Turenne stopped Eddie Bullock, 7. Eskil Emerson beat Billy Robb, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Don Jordan outscored Fernando Barreto, 10 (non-title), but was stunningly kayoed by Argentina champion Federico Thompson, 4. (non-title).
Denny Moyer outboxed Virgil Akins, 10. Rudell Stitch decisioned middleweight Holly Mims, 10.
Ralph Dupas halted Pat Lowry, 6.
Rocky Kalingo scored a big upset kayoing Florentino Fernandez, 1. Wally Swift upset Willie Toweel, 10. Vince Martinez whipped Chico Vejar, 10.
Jorge Fernandez whipped Mario Basualdo, 10. George Barnes retained British Empire title by kayoing Billy Todd, 6. Reybon Stubbs won over Art Aragon, 10.
Stan Harrington kayoed Jerry Hunnicut, 4. Gomeo Brennan stopped Andy Mayfield, 3. Dave Cervantes won from Everardo Armenta, 10. Benny Paret outscored middleweight Bob Provizzi, 10.
Juan Carlos Ducay defeated Roberto Chetta, 10. Marcelo Vargas decisioned Manuel Rocha, 12. Wally Swift scored upset decision over Willie Toweel, 10.
Rudy Sawyer stopped Ted Wright, 6. Stefan Redl halted Jesse Watson, 6. Miguel Diaz stopped Alvin Boudreaux, 5. Carl Hubbard whipped Frankie (Kid) Anslem, 10.
Paolo Melis defeated Jiro Sawada, 10. Ray Lancaster defeated Ricky Alvarez, 10, but was stopped by Emile Griffith, 7. Manuel Gonzales halted Tony Longo, 2, and Rogelio Sandoval, 3. Antonio Marcilla kayoed Eddie Lynch, 3, but was kayoed by Cecil Shorts, 6. Cecil also kayoed Jerry Jordan, 3.
Jesse Jones won from Peter Schmidt, 10. Baby Reyes whipped Tobe Penaloza, 10. Tobe also lost to Apolinar Huerta by a kayo in 4, while Huerta defeated Humberto Vilches, 10. Francisco Echevarria stopped Babalu Gutierrez, 5.
George Maddox halted Johnny Bradley, 5, and Dick Verte, 4. Frank Davis defeated Curtis Cokes, 6. Jim Connors stopped Paddy Gill, 2. Jimmy Archer defeated Bobby Bartels, 8. Tony Noriega won over Eddie Jones, 6.
Italian Champion Bruno Visintin outpointed Seraphin Ferrer, 10. Boswell St. Louis held to draw by Wally Swift, 8, then stopped Ron Richardson, 8. Alvaro Gutierrez halted Jiro Sawada, 9. Billy Lynch stopped Lino Rendon, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown retained his title stopping British Empire Champion Dave Charnley, 6, then outscored Joey Parks, 10, (non-title).
Paolo Rosi outboxed Johnny Gonsalves, 10.
Battling Torres kayoed Santiago Ramirez, 8. Paul Armstead decisioned Baby Vasquez, 10, Baby beat Angel Guerrero, 10.
Willie Toweel outboxed Len Matthews, 10, but was upset victim of welterweight Wally Swift, 10. Ben Medina stopped Joe Lopes, 6. Mauro Vazquez whipped Jimmy Hornsby, 10. Solomon Boysaw won over Candy McFarland, 10.
Guy Gracia halted Dave Stone, 9. Jamie Gine bested Eulogio Caballero, 10. Alfredo Urbina stopped Eddie Perkins, 7. Doug Vaillant upset Vicente Rivas, 10.
Ernesto Figueroa outscored Javellana Kid, 10. Pedro Benelli decisioned Juan Campos, 10. Art Ramponi outscored Jimmy Carter, 10.
Angel Guerrero stopped Chicles Uribe, 6. Domaso Collazo kayoed Borrado Flores, 3. Orlando Zulueta defeated Cesar Farias, 10, and drew with Hugo Juarez, 10, but lost to Santos Pereyra, 10. Cesar Orta won over Angel Garcia, 10.
Manuel Alvarez drew with Vicente Derado, 10. Eddie Armstrong decisioned Chico Velez, 10. Dave Dupas scored over Baby Leroy, 10.
Rogelio Andre whipped Antonio Murano, 10. Chico Santos upset Bobby Hicks, 10. Chico Rollins halted Luke Easter, 8. Carlos Rios defeated Cosme Maldonado, 10. Sergio Gomez whipped Babe Gutierrez, 10.
Tony Lopez Smith kayoed Frankie Soto, 9, and beat Enrique Castillo, 10. Fighting San Carlos defeated Terry Rebolado, 10. Carmie Price defeated Timmie Jefferson, 10. Valentin Rangel beat Rafael Camacho, 10. Rafael was also kayoed by Roberto Ortega, 8. Johnny Bizzarro kayoed Dick White, 1.
Paulino Araujo kayoed Gustavo Ohm, 1, but lost to Manny Berrios, 10. Nick Previti bested Frankie Madison, 8, but lost to Tommy Tibbs, 10. Adolfo Olguin drew with Chuy Zulueta, 8, but lost to Tony Sanchez, 10. Carlos Araujo won from Alex Arenas, 10. Pedro Rodriguez beat Cisco Martinez, 10.
Flash Elorde defeated Nursery Kid, 10. J. D. Ellis outscored Chico Velez, 10. Spanish Champion Fred Galiana stopped Lelo Suarez, 8, and outpointed Victor Pepeder, 10. Ziyaris Taki outpointed Jose Merayo, 10. Aissa Hashas halted Manfred Neuke, 4.
European Champion Mario Vecchiato outpointed Guizani Rezgui, 10. Sauveur Benamou wrested French title from Fernand Nollet, 15. Jean Sneyers whipped Edouard Ptak, 10. German Champion Conny Rudhoff outpointed Jacques Chauveau, 8. Manolo Garcia stopped Charley Douglas, 9.
Fernand Chretien defeated Willie Cooper, 6. Chuck Whittaker won over Zeke Lucero, 6. Rafael Lopez stopped Raul Garcia, 2.
Joe Butler whipped Kenny Tavares, 6. Fred Cozart won over Ross Calvin, 6. Joey Fiske stopped Bobby Walters, 3. Willie Morton stopped Doc Savage, 5.
Fred Martinovich stopped Leonard Gamble, 2. Tony Christy defeated Joe Constantino, 6. Joe Melito won from Harry Hampton, 6, and Tommy O'Connor, 6. Nat (Killer) Jackson won over Ruben Munoz, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Davey Moore outpointed lightweight Hilario Morales, 10, (non-title).
Percy Lewis retained British Empire title by kayoing Johnny O'Brien, 2. Melvin Boune won the Panama title outpointing Jesus Santamaria, 15. Sergio Caprari outpointed Ahcene Attar, 10.
Auburn Copeland defeated lightweight Ray Riojas, 10. Mexican champion Fili Nava whipped Johnny Gonzalez, 10, but lost to Juan Ramirez, 10. Juan also kayoed Lauro Garcia, 3. Danny Valdez kayoed Tano Serna, 8.
Canadian champion Dave Hilton retained his title kayoing Buddy Daye, 1, and beating Andre Millette, 6. Claudio Adame and Lauro Salas drew, 10.
Alfredo Bunetta drew with Andrian Servin, 10. Frankie Valdez decisioned Ruben Munoz, 12. Oscar Diaz defeated Armando Vera, 10, and drew with Guillermo Mondot, 10. Eduardo Rodriguez won from Euclides Monasterios, 10.
Young Terror defeated Jet Bally, 10, and Army Wonder Boy, 10. Hugo Rambaldi won over Oscar Vargas, 10. Eloy Henry kayoed Fernando Gomez, 1.
Jorge Gonzalez defeated Luis Brito, 10. Jose Luis Mora kayoed Roberto Landa, 6. Max Huerta won over Manuel Jimenez, 10. Raton Vargas bested Tony Sanchez, 10. Paul Reyes whipped Huracan Mazatleco, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Jose Becerra defeated Frankie Duram, 10, (non-title).
Eder Jofre outpointed Danny Kid, 10. Gianni Zuddas, 10. Leo Espinosa defeated Yukio Katsumata, 10.
Freddie Gilroy retained British Empire title by knocking out Bernie Taylor, 5. Jose Lopez was held to a surprise draw by Lalo Guerrero, 10.
Zurdo Pina defeated Joe Medel, 10. Villeza Villar outpointed Al Asuncion to win the Philippines, title, 12. Billy Rafferty outscored Dwight Hawkins, 10.
Herman Marques halted Pimi Barajas, 7. Manuel Armenteros kayoed lightweight Beto Carbajal, 1. E. T. B. Sanong stopped Hiroshie Oda, 5. Carlos Hernandez bested Chamaco Perez, 12, and kayoed Victor Manuel Rodriguez, 7. Chuy Hernandez halted Manolo Luna, 8.
Mario Sitri became new Italian champion by winning on disqualification from Federico Scarponi, 11.
Kamara Diop outfought Abdelkader Azzouz, 10.
Benny Casing stopped Ronnie Perez, 8, and Chuck Wiggins, 2. Juan Ibares bested Saul Becerril, 10. Ernesto Castaneda bested Jorge Alatorre, 8; and kayoed Angel Coronado, 9.

FLYWEIGHTS

Ray Pacheco upset Dommy Ursua, 10, and won over Abe Vila, 6.
Ramon Arias whipped bantam Felix Gutierrez, 10.
Joe Medel lost to bantamweight Zurdo Pina, 10. Kenji Yonekura defeated Kozo Nagata, 10. Pedro Ortiz kayoed Toto Ibarra, 1.
Larry Pineda and Hiram Bacallao fought a no contest, 8. Bernardo Perez defeated Niacolas Flores, 12. Monito Luna kayoed Goyo Flores, 9. Saul Becerril lost to bantam Juan Ibares, 10.

FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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hardly could have been aware of the train of developments which followed this fight.

The immediate reaction was that Ingemar and Floyd would meet again in June 1960, and there was an amazingly strong feeling among the experts that despite his poor showing Patterson would regain the title.

However, before long there were Grand Jury investigations in New York, hearings before District Attorney Frank Hogan, of New York County, and other disturbing impacts.

Now there is no telling when Patterson will get his chance to recover the championship. The New York Commission has barred Cus D'Amato, Floyd's manager and chief handler in a fight, for life.

The Ring Magazine wishes to stress the fact, as much as it possibly can be emphasized, that the hearings and investigations of the Grand Jury, Hogan and the New York Boxing Commission headed by General Melvin Krulewitch, cast no reflection on the feat which Johansson accomplished in stopping Patterson in 8 minutes 3 seconds.

There was no insinuation, at any time, that the Swede did not win entirely on his merits, and that Patterson had not lost to a much better fighter and harder puncher.

Patterson's wretched showing was attributed to mishandling by D'Amato, who apparently had taught Floyd little, if anything, to carry into a fight, and who had kept Patterson fighting only ever so seldom when he should have cleaned out the field before tackling the Swede.

The Johansson victory was of special importance because it stirred up interest in boxing at a time when the sport was in sore need of interest.

However, Ingemar's success, thrilling and unexpected though it was, did not monopolize the year's ring drama.

The No. 2 man in the Fighter of the Year competition is Gene Fullmer, the rugged middleweight from Utah, who knocked out Carmen Basilio, former champion of the 160 pounders, in fourteen rounds at San Francisco on August 28.

The No. 3 Fighter of the Year, is the ever winning, durable and always spectacular Pascual Perez, world flyweight champion, chiefly on the basis of his thirteenth round knockout of Sadao Yaoita, of Japan, in November.

To Davey Moore, featherweight champion of the world, goes the No. 4 spot in the big competition. Moore stopped Hogan Bassey, of Nigeria, defending champion, in thirteen rounds in Los Angeles on March 18, and later battered Hogan again to a point at which he contemplated retirement.

No. 5 in the Fighter of the Year ranking is Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion of the world, who in his second bout with Canada's Yvon Durelle knocked him out as early as the third round. The Durelle who gave Archie so terrific a battle on December 10, 1958, and sent him to the deck four times, was not present.

The second victory over Durelle boosted Moore's knockout total to at least 128. The number is indefinite more hitherto unrecorded Moore fights are discovered.

Fullmer's clean cut triumph, in which he changed his style and gave Basilio as thorough a trouncing as any middleweight has received in years, fully entitled Gene to second place in the Fighter of the Year competition. He since won a unanimous fifteen round decision over Spider Webb for his first NBA title defense.

The 28 year old Fullmer, who achieved full stature as a boxer in the Cow Palace in San Francisco, weighed 159½ pounds, as against Basilio's 156.

The end came after 39 seconds of the fourteenth round, with trainer Angelo Dundee shouting across the ring to referee Jack Downey to stop the carnage. Basilio was hanging on the ropes after having taken an overhand right.

Thus Fullmer gained the National Boxing Association's version of the middleweight championship.

In New York, Ray Robinson still is recognized as the official middleweight title holder. The New York Commission ruled that the championship could not be taken from Ray by ukase.

Fullmer stopped Basilio by changing from his old rushing, helter skelter style to jab and box, and then stiffen Carmen with the right.

The new plan of battle, laid out by Marv Jenson, Fullmer's manager, worked to perfection.

The Fighter of the Year rating for 1959 invites comparison with that for 1958. One year ago The Ring Magazine placed them like this: 1, Ingemar Johannson; 2, Ray Robinson; 3, Archie Moore; 4, Don Jordan; 5, Pascual Perez; 6, Hogan Bassey.

The astounding mortality among boxing stars is indicated by Robinson's failure to achieve anything this year of 1959 except to save his title by commission ruling; Jordan's failure to maintain championship class; and the elimination of Bassey.

The continuance of Johannson as the Fighter of the Year is an augury of better things for boxing in general.

It is hoped that Johannson means to be a fighting champion. The sport needs that type so badly.

Now that the situation re D'Amato and the Rosensohn Enterprises has been exposed, and, it is hoped, cleared off the decks for good, there is a possibility that Ingemar, one year hence, may become the first to gain the Fighter of the Year accolade thrice in succession.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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whipped Denny Moyer in 15 rounds.

Despite repeated attempts to kill boxing because of its "brutality," it is interesting to note that only seven deaths took place world-wide in 1959, an exceedingly small percentage considering the thousands of bouts fought and the fact that close to 10,000 boxers are registered as pros and amateurs. There was only one professional death in North and South America, that in which world champion Jose Becerra's opponent, Walter Ingram of Houston, Texas, passed away in a Guadalajara, Mexico hospital from a brain clot.

Two of the amateurs who died were injured in bouts in Houston and of the total number, three were Golden Gloves and two were collegians. In addition, two wrestlers, Ace Gordon, a pro, died from a heart attack in New Brunswick, N. J. and Allen Methven died in college competition.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

WHAT'S happened to this boxing business when so many important bouts end unsatisfactorily because of gashed eyebrows and other facial manglings?

To cite a couple of instances, there were lightweight champion Joe Brown's title affairs with Paolo Rosi and Dave Charnley. In both bouts the challengers were forced to "retire" with nasty rips above the eyes. More recently heavyweight Sonny Liston chopped up Willi Besmanoff's features so badly that their shindig had to be halted.

We were discussing the matter with Jack Moore, one of the real old-timers in the profession. The "good doctor," as they affectionately call him at the Eighth Avenue (formerly Stillman's) Gym, has been hustling in the trade, as promoter, manager and trainer, since the well known Hector was an unknown pup.

"Boxing sure isn't what it used to be," sighed Jack. *"Back in the so-called 'good old days,' when fighting was a much rougher proposition than it is now, you seldom heard of a bout being stopped because of cuts. Sure, fighters got their faces messed up now and then, but not as often or as badly as they do nowadays.*

"One reason is that a fighter now doesn't rely on fists alone. He operates on a triple-threat basis—two hands and a head. Billygoating has become part of his tactics. Most of the busted eyes happen not from punches but from butts.

"Another reason the kids cut so easily is that their skins are too tender. They use headguards in training and smear their faces with vaseline, which softens the skin. They don't give themselves a chance to toughen up properly."

How does boxing today compare with the brilliant brand offered when Packey McFarland, Mike Gibbons, Freddie Welsh, Jack Britton, Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard, Pete Herman and that crowd were around?

"No comparison at all," said Jack. *"It isn't boxing today; just roughhouse mauling. Boxing, as an art or a science, has gone. Fighters now are in too much of a hurry and cannot take time to learn their trade.*

"I can remember many a bout when Benny Leonard didn't have his hair mussed, and Benny stacked up against much tougher opposition than you'll find in the lightweight division today. Packey McFarland was so fast and clever that when Kid Burns actually hung a shiner on his eye, it became an international sensation.

"No, you don't find any real mechanics in boxing now. This is an age of unskilled labor. As the late Billy West said, bums are making more dough today by accident than good fighters used to earn on purpose."

THE GRIM PARADE

Death takes no holiday, not even during the holiday season. In the month from Thanksgiving to the beginning of the Christmas-New Year's festivities, the sock market was saddened by a series of obituary items. The sudden passings of two former world champions—Max Baer and Tony Canzoneri—were the biggest shocks of all. (Sketches of the colorful careers of Baer and Canzoneri appear elsewhere in this issue.)

Baer, 50, died in California less than 72 hours after the Merry Madcap had done a fine job of refereeing the Zora Folley-Alonzo Johnson bout in Phoenix. Canzoneri, 51, was found lifeless in his modest hotel room here in New York.

The passing of Baer shattered the unbroken sequence of living ex-heavyweight champions from Jess Willard on. Willard, incidentally, has just reached 78.

Among the less prominent personalities counted out in recent weeks were middleweight Jesse Turner of St. Louis and featherweight Cecil Payne of Louisville. Neither was a champion, but both rated well up in their respective divisions.

Turner, only 29 when he died, was a fine journeyman a few years ago. He quit fighting in 1956, after a ten-year span in the ring. During his busy career, Jesse tangled with many of the top 160-pounders, among them Carl (Bobo) Olson, Pierre Langlois, Willie Troy, Ernie Durando and Holly Nims. He also was one of Floyd Patterson's early opponents, going the 8-round distance with Floyd at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn.

Payne, 51, was an active campaigner from the early '20s until the mid-30's, and was regarded as the best featherweight ever developed in Kentucky. Payne hooked up with several champions of his era. He met Canzoneri three times. Tod Morgan and Freddie Miller were two other title-holders listed among the Kentuckian's opponents.

A PERSONAL LOSS

From a personal standpoint, the death of Frankie Dodd, 62, in Orange, N. J., was particularly tough news to this commentator.

Frankie and we were kids together in the Tory Corner Section of West Orange, and our youthful enthusiasm for boxing was inspired by the spectacular rise of the senior member of Our Gang, light-heavyweight Charley Weinert. The stylish Weinert was just 18 when, in his New York debut, he stunned the onlookers by outboxing that clever, cagey veteran Battling Levinsky at Bill Brown's gym.

We kids tried to pattern our ring styles after Weinert's. To Dodd, a bantamweight, it came easily. With his speed and cleverness, Frankie became one of the finest 118-pound prospects in the metropolitan area. One of his performances was to outpoint a popular New York youngster, Joe Lynch —the same Joe Lynch who went on to become world champion.

With the outbreak of World War I, Dodd enlisted in the Navy. After his discharge he tried to return to boxing, but somehow, somewhere, he must have lost some of his exceptional fistic gifts during his war service. A couple of disappointing performances convinced him to quit the ring. He and an older brother, Pete, teamed up for a while in promoting fights in Orange, and later they opened a tavern which became, and still is, a popular hangout in town.

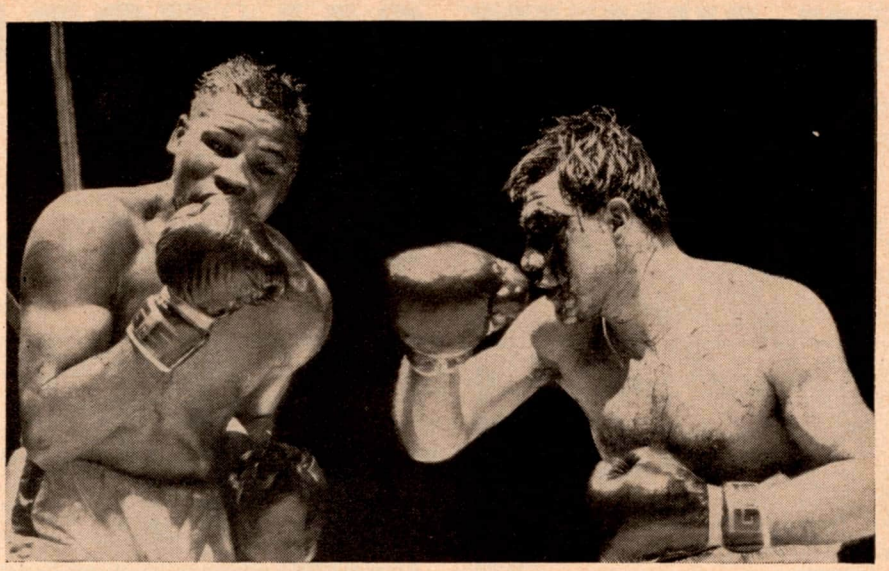
CHOW TIME

If, for one reason or another, any of them had to skip or postpone a few meals during the past year, members of the metropolitan fistic fraternity have been getting ample opportunity these nights to catch up with their gastronomic routines. This is the season when sports dinners follow one another in rapid succession.

The Boxing Writers Association of New Jersey started things going with a blowout at Snuffy's Steak House in Scotch Plains. Between gulps the organization found time to elect a new batch of officers for the coming year. Ed Friel of the *Newark Evening News* was voted in as president, succeeding Tony Marenghi of the *Newark Star-Ledger*, who declined a thind term.

Next, the Veteran Boxers Association (Ring 8) of New York tossed its annual get-together at the clubhouse of the Grand Street Boys. Guest of honor was State Athletic Commission chairman General Krulewitch, and Carlos Ortiz was applauded as New York's Boxer of the Year.

For the next event on the schedule, various athletic organizations in Hudson County, N. J., tendered a testimonial dinner to Ed Brennan, popular member of the *Jersey Journal's* sports staff. The affair was held at the Canton Tea Garden in Jersey City.



Blood-smeared from gash over left eye, Alex Miteff continued to wade into Billy Hunter in Madison Square Garden, and even scored knockdown in ninth round, but officials thought Hunter's defensive boxing and counter-punching had offset Argentino's aggressiveness and harder hitting.

THE month's results:

Piling up a big early lead and holding off his opponent's strong finish, Benny (Kid) Paret, 152, Cuba, was a unanimous winner over durable Bob Provizzi, 157, Freeland, Pa., in a hard-fought if unspectacular ten at the Academy of Music. The faster boxer and sharper puncher, Paret had all the better of the early milling but slowed down in the closing sessions and Provizzi, accepting the bout on a few days' notice after being out of action seven months, staged a surprisingly strong rally. Latin-Americans weren't so conspicuous in the supporting bouts this time. Only two Puerto Ricans and one other Cuban were on the card. The Cuban, Lino Rendon, 157½, slugged his way to a draw with Greatest Crawford, 158¼, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. It was unbeaten Crawford's first start in ten months and he was somewhat ring rusty. The Puerto Ricans came out with an even 1-1 count in two of the preliminary fours. The winner was Tommy Pacheco, 136, who edged out Benny Gordon, 136½, Harlem. The loser was Audio Rodriguez, 147½, who dropped a decision to Johnny McGowan, 151, Brooklyn. In the other fours, Frankie Daly, 140½, Brooklyn, won from Larue Sherman, 135¾, Jersey City, and Al McQueen, 149¼, Harlem, outpointed Jimmy Dorsey, 144¾, West Side. The receipts were $2,107.82, paid by 1,006.

▶ Surviving two knockdowns and a near-knockout in the eighth, Willie Toweel, 139¼, South Africa, displayed agile footwork, flashy boxing, an educated left hand and effective two-fisted flurries to earn a close, split decision over aggressive, hard-hitting Len Matthews, 136½, Philadelphia, in an action-packed ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Toweel's first appearance in an American ring and Willie made a tremendous impression not only with his brilliant boxing but by a spectacular comeback after near-disaster. With the heavier ammunition, Matthews forced the action most of the way but until the hectic eighth round he had difficulty reaching his elusive opponent with damaging punches. In that session, however, Matthews nearly ended matters when he finally caught up to Toweel, dropped him twice with thunderous volleys to the jaw and had the South African reeling unsteadily at the bell. Willie came back strongly, however, and cinched the decision with a rousing finish. Recently returned from a successful European campaign, Ted Wright, 149, Detroit, was an unlucky loser in the semi-final. Winning until then, Wright was dropped early in the sixth by a right tossed by Rudy Sawyer, 151, Harlem. Ted seemed more surprised than hurt, but decided to take the benefit of a count. Ready to rise at "nine," he was slow in beating the final toll and was counted out with one knee still on the canvas. Time of round: 0:36. In a scheduled six, Antonio Marcilla, 142, Argentina, a protege of Abe ("Harlem Globe-Trotters") Saperstein, celebrated his North American debut by demolishing an outclassed Eddie Lynch, 147, West New York, N. J., at 2:49 of the third. In another scheduled six, reduced to four because of TV time, Billy Pickett, 156¾, Harlem, outpunched Eddie Thompson, 157¼, St. Albans, L. I. In fours, Carmen Scialabba, 133½, Syracuse, won from Tony Maldonado, 133½, Puerto Rico, and Anselmo Castillo, 122¾, Puerto Rico, decisioned Bert Reyes, 125½, Brooklyn.

▶ Regaining winning form after losing to experienced Randy Sandy for the first defeat in his brief but promising career, Emile Griffith, 147½, transplanted Virgin Islander, operating out of the West Side, made his score 12-1 by stopping Ray Lancaster, 147, Spartanburg, S. C., at 1:12 of the seventh at the Academy of Music. Griffith nearly finished his opponent in the first round when he dropped him twice. Although he handed Lancaster a steady drubbing from then on, Griffith was unable to dump his opponent again until the seventh. By that time Lancaster was in such sorry condition that Referee Johnny LoBianco humanely called a halt. In the first half of the double windup, another up-and-coming West Indian, Obdulio Nunez, 154¾, Puerto Rico, flattened Joe Fusco, 154¾, Waterbury, Conn., at 1:44 of the fourth. The Academy, which has become Latin-Americans' home away from home, had three other Puerto Ricans in supporting bouts. Two of them were paired in an eight. Jose Gonzales, 157, outfighting Jimmy Landron, 159¼. The other islander, Wilfredo Alevez, 190½, won from Johnny Dilley, 223½, Jersey City, in four. In the remaining four, Johnny Allman, 158½, Jamaica, L. I., halted Jimmy McMillan, 154, Bronx, at 1:04 of the first. The gross receipts totalled $2,248.66, contributed by 1,008.

▶ Neat defensive boxing and crisp counter-punching netted Billy Hunter, 191½, Detroit, a split decision over aggressive, hard-hitting Alex Miteff, 203, Argentina, in a rugged ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Hunter's second win over Miteff in a month, his previous triumph having been scored in Syracuse when the bout was halted in the seventh round because of an ugly gash over the South American's left eye. The cut was reopened in the return match and bled profusely from the seventh round on, but this time Miteff was allowed to continue. The Argentino forced the action throughout and did some effective scoring with lusty thumps to the body, but only once did Hunter appear in serious trouble. That was in the ninth round when Miteff clubbed him to the canvas for a mandatory eight-count. For the most part Hunter boxed cooly, constantly jabbing a left into the plodding Miteff's features and occasionally scoring with fast two-handed combinations. Willie Dockery, 163, Brooklyn, outfought a borough rival, George Harrell, 170½, in the semi-final eight. Two scheduled sixes were abbreviated by knockouts, Tom McNeeley, 197, Boston, halting Louis Jones, 187, Rockford, Ill., at 0:19 of the fourth, and Bartolo Soni, 177, Dominican Republic, polishing off Don McAteer, 170½, Paterson, N. J., at 1:16 of the fourth. In fours, Babe Simmons, 168, Bronx, whipped Eskil Emerson, 162, Sweden, and Henry Wallitsch, 185, Astoria, decisioned Attilio Tondo, 184, Suffern, N. Y.

▶ In what was regarded as something of a minor surprise, Eddie Armstrong, 139½, Elizabeth, N. J., hustled and bustled his way to a decision over Chico Velez, 134½, Puerto Rico, in a scrambling ten at the Academy of Music. Whatever the reason, Velez seemed to lack his usual speed and pep. He fought mainly in brief flurries and for the most part permitted chunky, heavier Armstrong (a brother of Gene Ace) to push him around the ring and into corners. The semi-final was a real sizzler, Bobby Shell, 148, Washington, D. C., edging out Larry Jones, 148, Harlem. A pair of Puerto Ricans had it out in another six, Juan Melendez, 137½, scoring a knockdown in the final round to sway the decision in his favor over Tommy Pacheco, 138. In one of the fours, an Army product, Joe Mangiapani, 142, Greenwich Village, got off to a good start on his professional career by slugging out a verdict over Herbert Rivera, 140½, Puerto Rico. In the curtain-raising four, Billy Taylor, 154¾, Bronx, had the better of Jimmy McNair, 156, West Side. The attendance was 1,070 and the gross receipts $2,068.86.

▶ Posting his fifth straight win and tenth in eleven professional starts, Chico Rollins, 134½, West Side, had a comparatively easy time disposing of Luke Easter, 135½, Pittsburgh, at 1:33 of the eighth at the Academy of Music. Rollins was entirely too fast for Easter, and belabored him with both hands from the start. In the eighth, the West Sider ripped a deep gash over his opponent's left eye and a few moments later connected with a crushing left hook to the chin. The Pittsburgher was out before he hit the canvas but Referee Arthur Mercante went through the formality of tolling off the full count. In a pair of sixes, Benny Gordon, 135¼, Bronx, outpointed Cecil Barbosa, 135, Puerto Rico, and Jose Gonzales, 153¼, Puerto Rico, plugged Tommy Leaks, 151½, West Side, at 034 of the fourth. In fours, Tommy Dorsey, 147½, West Side, won from Johnny McGowan, 146, Astoria; Tommy Laza, 149½, Puerto Rico, decisioned Mickey Latzo, 154½, E. Brunswick, N. J., and Julius Owens, 158½, Bronx, halted Billy Brooks, 157½, West Side, at 2:31 of the first. Attendance 1,016; gross receipts $2,416.76.

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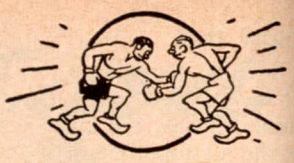


By BILL MILLER

YEAR'S end finds boxing in California still in a fairly healthy condition, compared to the rest of the land, but considerably behind 1958 in point of gross returns. All the figures are not in yet.

In 1958, boxing grossed $741,806 at the Olympic Auditorium, or under Olympic promotion—an increase of $259,897, over 1957. This was due to two outdoor gigantics: Carmen Basilio vs Art Aragon, $236,000 and Hogan (Kid) Bassey vs Pajarito Moreno, $215,000.

There were no outdoor shows in 1959. Better luck in 1960.

California shows which grossed $5,000 or over during 1959 were as follows: (Winner's name first).

January:
- Art Aragon vs Charley Sawyer, Hollywood $18,500
- Joe Becerra vs Mario D'Agata, Olympic 15,723
- Don Jordan vs Alvaro Gutierrez, Olympic 20,153
- Boots Monroe vs Jose Medel, Olympic 6,771
- Mauro Vazquez vs Gil Cadilli, Hollywood 20,000
- Toluco Lopez vs Boots Monroe, Hollywood 22,400

February:
- Mauro Vazquez vs Ike Chestnut, Olympic 20,077
- Paoli Rosi vs Flash Elorde, San Francisco 16,927
- Orlando Zulueta vs Joe Lopes, Sacramento 8,551
- Johnny Gonsalves vs Paddy De Marco, Oakland 6,705

March:
- Davey Moore vs Hogan Bassey, Olympic 65,602
- Cisco Andrade vs Jay Fullmer, Palm Springs 12,800
- Mauro Vazquez vs Baby Vasquez, Olympic 19,740
- Bobo Olson vs Rory Calhoun, San Francisco 58,345
- Danny Kid vs Toluco Lopez, Hollywood 16,000
- Bobby Scanlon vs Orlando Zulueta, Sacramento 7,262
- Joe Lopes vs Art Ramponi, Richmond 7,284
- Eddie Machen vs Clarence Williams, Sacramento 12,660

April:
- Joe Miceli vs Art Aragon, Hollywood 15,100
- Johnny Gonsalves vs Bobby Scanlon, Oakland 13,000

May:
- Art Aragon vs Rocky Caballero, Hollywood 7,100
- Mauro Vazquez vs Cisco Andrade, Olympic 33,349
- Eddie Machen vs Ruben Vargas, San Francisco 57,272

June:
- Joe Lopes vs Lauro Salas, Sacramento 5,553
- Joe Becerra vs Alphonse Halimi (Title) 151,151

July:
- Zora Folley vs Alvin Williams, Fresno 5,355
- Paulie Armstead vs Mauro Vazquez, Olympic 27,817
- Battling Torres vs Paul Armstead, Olympic 13,100
- Davey Moore vs Hogan Bassey (Title) Olympic 47,140

August:
- Zora Folley vs Howard King, Sacramento 5,244
- Eddie Machen vs Garvin Sawyer, Fresno 7,800
- Lyle Mackin vs Dave Johnson, Richmond 5,094
- Gene Fullmer vs Carmen Basilio, (Title) S. F. 140,535
- Bobo Olson vs George Kartilian, Fresno 7,794

September:
- Danny Kid vs Jose Medel, Olympic 7,310
- Battling Torres vs Frankie Ryff, Olympic 13,826

October:
- Battling Torres vs Johnny Busso, Olympic 46,824

November:
- Mauro Vazquez vs Jimmy Hornsby, Santa Monica 8,895
- Paolo Rosi vs John Gonsalves, Oakland 16,139
- Ben Medina vs Paddy DeMarco, Fresno 6,700

▶ The $46,824. gate drawn by Turres vs Busso at the Olympic in October was the first complete turnaway sell-out enjoyed by that arena since 1956.

Big potential stars, 1960: Battling Torres, who kayoed Johnny Busso; Joe Becerra, who took title from Alphonse Halimi; Davey Moore, featherweight king vs some good Mexican opponent. But new stars spring up; sometimes they wax and wane, like Pajarito Moreno, who drew $215,000 with Hogan Bassey and then "folded his tent like the Arabs and as silently drifted away"—out of the picture now.

From Sid Ziff's column in the Mirror News: "In rejecting Ron Waller's application for a license to run boxing shows at the new Sports Arena, the California Athletic Commission advised him to try again after he has had more experience.

"Why should experience be the determining factor?

"A promoter can hire all the experience he needs. The essential in a promoter is that he has the finances to make good on his obligations, and that he be a man of honesty and sincerity."

To which I might add that in 1958, the same State Athletic Commission issued a license to Bill Rosensohn, a rank novice in promotion, to stage the world heavyweight title match between Floyd Patterson and Roy (Cut 'n Shoot) Harris. Rosensohn hired Jack Hurley as his chief assistant, and this writer got the job of publicity director. The fight grossed $234,000.

▶ Over at Long Beach, Ron Waller co-promoted with Leon Black in a double wind-up show, with Joey Giambra as the outstanding attraction.

Giambra, 158½, had very little trouble with Orlando DiPietro, 162½, only a year out of prelim ranks, winning the unanimous verdict. Referee Tommy Hart voted 99-90; Judge Jack McDonald, 99-88; and Judge George Latka, 99-89.

About 1200 fans were on hand. Nothing for the Internal Revenue Department to get excited about.

In the companion ten, Jesse Jones, 145½, won a split decision over Peter Schmidt, 146½, a recent import from Germany. Baron Heinrich von Stumme was the promoter. There was vigorous opposition to the verdict.

Referee George Latka saw it 97-94; Judge Tommy Hart, 97-95, both for Jones. Judge Jack McDonald gave it to Schmidt, 96-95. A couple of the scribes agreed with McDonald.

In the six-round semi, Al Allen, 145, split dec. over Lloyd Wilson, 145; and in the four-round opener, Ed Edwards, 127½, duked Memo Durante, 128½.

Jimmy Carter, who had blasted out two impressive knockouts in his newest comeback venture, ran into trouble when he encountered Art Ramponi. The former lightweight king again exploded the big punch and twice floored Arthur. But the slender Oaklander survived, and came on to shower Jimmy with jabs and combinations to win a ten round decision.

▶ The program at Oakland's Civic Auditorium was the first Oakland promotion by Jimmy Cosenza, who usually puts on fistic shows in nearby Richmond. The gross was $2,827.

Referee Jack Silver, Sole official, scored it 95-90 for Ramponi. Weights: Ramponi, 136; Carter, 138.

After losing the first round, Carter exploded a right on Ramponi's jaw and put him down for a nine count in the second. Good boxing and footwork enabled Ramponi to take the third. But near the end of the fourth Carter nailed Art with a left hook and again floored him for nine.

This was the last good punch landed by Carter. For the next six rounds Ramponi completely outboxed the veteran, often landing six sharp jabs without a return.

James Fisher, 180, Oakland, and Carl Looney, 186, Stockton, went six rounds to a draw.

The fours: Ray Salas, 128, stopped John Marion, 132, in 2; Johnny Cate, 127, dec. Willie Sanchez, 126; Bob King, 151, halted Eddie Young, 152, in 3.

▶ Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, with Promoter Ron Waller at the helm, got ambitious and staged an expensive scrap between Mauro Vazquez, 135½, and Jimmy Hornsby, also 135½, with Vazquez winning the unanimous verdict.

Referee Mushy Callahan voted 99-86; Judge George Latka 99-87, and Judge Frank Holborow 100-90.

It was Mauro's 27th win in 28 starts. He scored the only knockdown of the fight in the 6th.

Gross gate, $8,895, paid by 2,165 clients at $7.50 top.

Hornsby made a game and gallant finish, winning the 10th round and the plaudits of the fans for his courage.

▶ Waller, according to reports, had guaranteed Vazquez $8,000, and Hornsby $2,500. This writer understands that both boys took a cut of $1,000. in their purses, which still left Waller about four G's in the red. This young promoter, an All-American gridder at Maryland, later a pro star with the Rams, is determined to make good. The State Athletic Commission, for some reason, has not been overly friendly to him. Maybe they know something no one else knows. A young promoter needs encouragement, not opposition.

In the six round semi, Roy Smith, 187, dec. Andy Isaac, 186. Ronny Jones, 121, KO (2) over Joey Augustine, 122; in another six-spot; and in the four-round opener, Earl Bastings, 140½, dec. Johnny Reybon, 141.

▶ Elsewhere in this issue you will find a tribute to the late Max Baer, my friend for almost 30 years. In my opinion, the finest West Coast tribute came from Eddie Muller of the San Francisco Examiner, boxing's best friend on the Coast. Eddie knew Max as far back as his four-round days, followed his career closely, and knew the big fellow intimately.

I was fond of Max. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to a perspiring publicist. About 1500 attended Baer's funeral in Sacramento, among them Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. Governor Pat Brown spoke highly of the big fellow at a newspaper conference.

▶ Paulie Andrews, 190, suffered the only knockdown of the fight in Round 2, but he went on to score a 7th round TKO over youthful Otis Fuller, also 190, at the Olympic Auditorium. It was Fuller's first main event.

Fuller objected strenuously when Referee John Thomas stopped the fight after 2:17 of the seventh. He insisted that he was able to continue, and some of the cash clientele agreed with him. Official scoring at the end of the sixth: Referee Thomas, 57-55, Andrews; Judge Dick Young, Andrews, 56-55, and Judge Charley Randolph, 55-55.

It was a good fight, and a justifiable rematch. Fuller substituted for Johnny Hayden on rather short notice.

This was the last of the Saturday night televised shows at the Olympic. Henceforth they'll be staged on Tuesday.

In the semi-final, slated for six, George Green, 144, newcomer from Detroit, made a big hit with the fans but not with his opponent, Javier Sanches, 147, whom he flattened in Round 2.

The fours: Bob Fernandez, 140, dec. Jose Rodriguez, 137; Al Grant, 143½, dec. Larry Mercer, 146; and Bob Smith, 184½, dec. Sporty Harvey, 190.

Fortunately for Ernesto Figueroa, fighters are not judged by their appearance—how they looked—at the finish of a 10-round brawl.

The Mexican lightweight, popular in this town of L. A., won the unanimous decision over Javellana Kid, Philippines, at the Olympic Auditorium. But Ernesto was a mess, physically: cuts over both eyes, a

bloody nose, and contusions and bumps here and there. Mostly here.

Referee Mushy Callahan voted, conservatively, 94-92; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 96-91, and Judge Frankie Van, in a generous mood, 99-90.

On hand a very partial crowd of about 3,000.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, John Smith (a name you frequently see on hotel registers) 153, KO (2) over Eddie Jones, 155. (And that's another name—but let's not be repetitious.)

The fours: Tino Zaragoza, 129½, drew with Jose Valdives, 130; Eddie Edwards, 127, dec. Atomo Castillo, 129; and Mel Filgham, 167, KO (2) over Willie Barnes, 166½.

▶Two points not only can decide a fight result—they can alter a whole career. When lightweight veteran Johnny Gonsalves lost a close decision to forceful Paolo Rosi, the clever Oaklander said it probably was his last fight, as he is considering retiring.

Rosi, from N. Y. via Italy, clashed with home towner Gonsalves at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland. After ten busy rounds the official and press consensus for Rosi was 96-94. Each boxer weighed 136.

Jimmy Dundee promoted, with Don Chargin as matchmaker. The contest grossed $16,139. Jack Downey refereed.

In the ninth and tenth, as Gonsalves outpunched bloodspattered Rosi, Johnny's admirers envisioned a victory that would move the seventh ranking stylist to top contention and a possible 1960 title bout.

But third ranked Rosi had been piling up a high point total in the earlier rounds. In the second Rosi's potent right to the jaw floored Gonsalves for a mandatory eight count. Though wobbly, Johnny's experience saved him from disaster, and he came back to outbox Rosi in the third.

For the next five rounds Rosi was the aggressor and landed the harder blows, even though Gonsalves' jabs opened deep cuts over Rosi's eyes.

Howard Pasley, 137, S.F., outpointed Morris Duran, 137, S.F., in six.

Willie Woods, 128, S.F., floored Dom Sacco, 131, Oakland, three times to win by a kayo in the first.

In the opening six Stan Garcia, 160, Oakland, outboxed Perry Hicks, 166, Fresno.

▶Sacramento and Stockton boxers crossed the state line to Reno to provide some fisticuffs as a variation to the other attractions at Nevada's glittering metropolis. Joe Vargas, 127, pride of Stockton, finished strong to take the ten round verdict over Sacramento's Al Carroll, 127.

Carroll dominated the first five rounds, but hardly threw a punch thereafter. Vargas' victory avenged an earlier draw contest with Carroll, the only blot on Joe's undefeated record as a pro.

In the six round feature, Moses Cooper, 150, Stockton, outpunched Russell Davis, 152, Reno.

All prelims ended in knockouts. Leon Nelson, 130, Stockton, fell before Stud Peroddy, 130, Reno, in the second. Willie Stevens, 160, TKO'd Soodie Astor, 162, Fallon, Nev., in three. Carl Looney, 187, Reno, belted out Tex Urbauer, 194, Dallas, Texas in the fourth.

▶Davey Zapata, Mexico, stablemate of Battling Torres, scored an upset triumph at the Olympic Auditorium, his first local main event, at the expense of Kid Irapuato, Tijuana. Zapata, 124¾; Irapuato, 128. The verdict was unanimous.

Referee John Thomas voted 99-95; Judge George Latka, 97-94; and Judge Tommy Hart, 96-94.

It was long vs Short: Zapata had good height, and several inches edge in reach. Zapata also was in good condition, which is more than can be said about Senor Irapuato. One scribe ventured the opinion that the Keed had been training in a Tijuana dancehall.

Wherever it was, Irapuato seemed to run out of gas along about the middle of Round 3, and from then on fought in fits and spurts. There just wasn't enough fittin' and spurtin'.

There were two six-rounders. Don Johnson, 124½, took the unanimous decision over Emilio Flores, 129; and Arvil Burris, 134, got the split verdict over Pantera Cardenas, 131. In the four-round opener, Eddie Alvarado, 116, KO (2) over Paul Ramos, 118.

▶Ray Greco, Denver, 152, had things his own way at the Olympic Auditorium in a TV ten-rounder, scoring the unanimous duke over Karl Heinz Guder, Germany, 156½. Though unanimous, it was close.

Referee Charley Randolph voted 97-96; Judge Lee Grossman, 96-94; and Judge Mushy Callahan, 98-95.

In the six-round semi, Jake Williams, 187, won a split verdict over Jim McCarter, 222. Not much damage in this one, but Williams was the aggressor.

The four-rounders: Eddie Jackson, 190, KO (2) over Bill McMurray, 208½; Pepino Morales, 121, drew with Otto Hardison, 118; and Andy Isaac, 190, dec. Dick McDowell, 177.

▶The State Athletic Commission of California turned down the request of footballer Ron Waller to stage a final show at Hollywood Legion Stadium, which will soon be converted into a bowling alley.

Waller, quite naturally, is bitter about it. And in my opinion, he has every right to be. He is a clean-cut young man, with a fine athletic background, both in college and as a pro with the L. A. Rams. More important, he is well-financed.

From George Parnassus, Olympic Auditorium matchmaker, whom I've known for more than 30 years, came the objection. Seems as how George and his bosses, the Eatons, want Waller to limit his activities to Santa Monica.

▶Boots Monroe, former state bantam champ,

Joey Giambra, ranking middleweight, engaging in his first bout in six months had an easy time of it with Orlando DiPietro, winning a ten rounds decision at Long Beach.

had all the best of it in the matter of height and reach over Ward Yee, Frankie Muche's Chinese warrior, at the Olympic Auditorium. Atop of that, Yee suffered severe eye injuries, and in Round 9, Referee Tommy Hart halted hostilities and raised Monroe's hand in token of victory via T.K.O.

There was no question about Yee's gameness. The boy has a heart as big as his body. Both boys weighed 121½.

In the semi, slated for six, undefeated Carmie Price, 139, remained thataway by knocking out Eddie Baker, 140½, in the third. The fours: Beto Maldonado, 125, dec. Juan Estopira, 123½; Mal Fulgham, 162½, dec. Kenny Payne, 164; and Johnny Kimber, 154, KO (2) over Arnold Melendez, 162.

A number of fans who had often seen Jimmy Carter perform when he was world's lightweight champion joined the onlookers at Richmond to see "how the old boy's doing." Jimmy surprised his long time admirers and opponent Kildo Nunez by scoring a knockout with one well placed body punch. The end came in the fourth round.

The punches Carter landed in the early rounds did not seem to bother Nunez. In the fourth the Mexican came out winging. He left his body unprotected just long enough for Carter to put all his weight behind a well-directed right hand. Nunez went down in mid-ring, and was counted out by Referee Tony Bosnich.

Promoter Jimmy Cosenza's program at Richmond Auditorium grossed $2,009. Carter, of San Jose, weighed 139; Nunez, of Mexico, 139. 141.

When the pair fought in San Jose two months before Carter won a widely disputed decision.

Joe Gilmer, 146, Vallejo, outboxed Billy Brown, 143, Oakland, to take a six round decision.

Results of fours: Jimmy Fields, 141, dec. Abel Zapata, 140; James Fisher, 183, outpointed Cardy Wooten, 197; Johnny Cate, 129, dec. Leon Nelson, 133.

Paddy DeMarco specializes in using rough tactics to throw methodical boxers off their stride and fight HIS way. Once he did this so well with clever Jimmy Carter that Paddy won the lightweight title. But when he invaded Fresno recently his tactics backfired.

Paddy, still spry and fast punching, took on precisionist Ben Medina in the Raisin City. DeMarco started roughing up the Fresnan, and made him forget his basic skill and fight in the DeMarco method. But Ben proved a better Pier 6 brawler than Paddy—and after a bruising battle Medina won on a TKO in the seventh. Copious bleeding cuts over both DeMarco's eyes caused the official intervention. Gross gate receipts $6,700.

DeMarco said after the fight it was the first time he ever encountered anybody rougher than himself.

The two were fairly close on points when the end came.

DeMarco, of Brooklyn, weighed 142; Medina, 140. The program at Fresno Auditorium was promoted by Conrad Klein. It was Medina's eighth straight victory.

In the fours, Wayne Thornton, 163, TKO'd Willie Moon, 168, in 4; Louis Uribe, 140, dec. Holly Pitts, 136; Jim Jackson, 170, outpointed Joe Walcott, 179.

▶For a fight that was finally ruled "no contest," it was one of the roughest battles witnessed in recent years by San Jose fans. Participants were Willie Richardson, 185, with 11 straight knockouts, and Duke Sabedong, 218, also a good hitter.

Richardson landed one of his favorite crushing combinations in the first round, and Sabedong was down for nine. (Later Sabedong said he remembered nothing after taking these blows). Though obviously hurt, Duke managed to finish the round.

In the second round, after taking a few more sharp thrusts from Richardson, the Duke apparently went berserk. He threw punches from every angle, most which landed low on Richardson. Then the tall Hawaiian charged Richardson, sending him through the ropes.

It took Referee Jack Silver, a number of policemen and the boxer's seconds to finally subdue Sabedong. In the melee, Richardson had suffered a groin injury. The referee ruled the bout "no contest". Under California rules, a bout cannot be won on a foul.

Richardson, a former Northwest amateur champ from Portland, now resides in San Jose. Sabedong is from Honolulu. Their match had been scheduled for ten at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Promoter was Abe Acquistapace.

In a six rounder, Johnny Balla, 179, Stockton, outpointed Andy Isaacs, 181, of Los Angeles. Also in six, George Santiago, 174, San Jose, decisioned Bobby King, 172, San Francisco.

Andy Gonzales, 133, decisioned Buckskin Fields, 135, in 4.

▶A cat, according to reports, has nine lives: Art Aragon, according to John Hall of the Mirror-News, had 99—from a fistic standpoint, that is. But he ran plumb out of them, finally.

At the Olympic Auditorium, where he had his first fight on May 23, 1944, Aragon, 151, was soundly trounced by Reybon Stubbs, of Pittsburgh, also 151, before a half-filled house that paid $10,566, gross—one of the smallest gates ever drawn by the Golden Boy in the venerable downtown fight arena.

The voting tells the tale: Referee Tommy Hart: 98-90 Judge Frankie Van, 97-93; and Judge George Latka, 99-93, all for Stubbs. No room for argument.

There were no knockdowns. Stubbs hit Aragon where he was; Aragon hit Stubbs where he wasn't.

In the semi, slated for six, George Green, 143, knocked out Roy Simon, 143, in Round 3. The fours: Maurice Morales, 125, dec. Paul Hanes, 126; Roy Salazar, 128, dec. Memo Durante, 127½; and Frank Mejio, 124, drew with Ed. Edwards, 124½.

▶There were less than 1,000 people in the house, for the fight was locally televised, but there's no telling how many saw it via TV.

Anyway, undefeated Carmie Price, 138, won the unanimous decision over Timmie Jefferson, 139½, at the Olympic Auditorium in a scrap which will long be remembered by those who were present.

Not because of the featured bout, which was entertaining enough what with knockdowns scored by Price: one in the 5th, another in the 9th. Plus a two-point penalty against Jefferson for a very low left hook in the 5th.

It was this foul blow which started the fireworks.

Seated in the third row was a fellow named Tommy Duffy, a room-mate of Price's. When Teddy Bentham, a Jefferson handler, jumped onto the apron of the ring and shouted to the referee to start counting after that foul punch, Duffy went berserk.

He went for Bentham, with blood in his eye. They exchanged punches as well as verbal remarks, until separated by police and ushers. Meanwhile, five minutes elapsed, during which time Carmie Price had a chance to recouperate.

When hostilities resumed, Price maintained the upper hand to the finish. Referee Lee Grossman saw it 94-93; the two judges were much more liberal. Jimmy Wilson voted 98-91, and Russ Bradford, 97-91.

In the six-round semi, Cal Houston, 160, dec. Willie Gilbert, 160. The four-rounders: Mel Fulgham, 159, KO (1) over Julian Shanks, 159; Joe Hicks, 149, KO (2) over Chris Sul, 149; Beto Maldonado, 124, defeated Wally Reed, 118½.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

SENSATIONS were the order of the day in most Continental fight centers. In Germany, Gus Scholz repeated a former triumph by belting out veteran Peter Mueller in one round while Erich Schoeppner repulsed another Italian challenger by well beating courageous Sante Amonti. Kalbfell, a rather mediocre heavyweight, upset the applecart by chilling top-flight Mino Bozzano.

Still in the Vaterland, Helmut "Harry" Ball momentarily put paid to the ambitions of dashing Karl Mildenberger by knocking him cold in seven rounds. Elsewhere there were upsets like Manolo Garcia stopping Charley Douglas in Italy and the German, Wemhoener, whipping Giulio Rinaldi right on his own doorstep. That scourge of British lightweights, Guy Gracia, was in destructive mood at Earls Court, halting promising Dave Stone on the Cooper-Erskine bill. The Italians Paolo Melis and Zuddas continued to do fairly well in Brazil, the Germans Guder and Peter Schmidt meeting with varying fortunes in America. Willi Quattuor, German feathers champ, is now off on an Australian tourney.

Dortmund, Germany.—A first-class attendance of 14,000 packed the Westfalen Hall to watch Erich Schoeppner defend his European title against the undefeated and highly-touted Sante Amonti of Italy. Amonti, nicknamed "The Crusader" by his supporters—he wears a white crucifix on his trunks, proved in the event to be little more than tremendously strong and fit. Schoeppner got the unanimous nod and retained his title, nonetheless aware that Amonti is the most dangerous challenger around at the moment.

▶ Another Italian suffered a cracked reputation here when Mino Bozzano, also undefeated, was sensationally flattened by modest Hans Kalbfell. At 196, he was half a stone lighter than the German. Kalbfell shook his foe in the opening round with stiff clouts to the head, drawing claret from Bozzano's nose and mouth. For the rest of the bout, Bozzano contended himself with boxing but his best punches had little effect on the burly Teuton. Kalbfell hacked away at Mino's midriff whenever possible but a classic one-two on his chin stopped him in his tracks early in the eighth. The German's immediate reaction was to swing a hefty right in reply and it caught Mino cold on the chin. Intent on the kill, Kalbfell leaped in and smashed away with both hands at Bozzano's head until he crumpled to the floor—out. The winner should now meet Henry Cooper for the European title.

On the rest of the card, more surprises. Werner Walloschek, 223, walked into a right-hander from Al Kramp, 200, in the fourth round of a bout that he already had in his pocket. For the record let it be said that all of Kramp's fights end before the limit.

Albert Westphal, 189, nodded Maurice Mols, 217, over eight and Manfred Hass, 158, stopped Jacques Barlet of France, in round three. Rudolf Nehring, 164, won over another Frenchman, Serge Boe, over six rounds.

▶ **Pesaro,** Italy. Geppino Gentiletti, rising middles star, won well over Umberto Vernaglione in a ten-rounder while Bacchiani drew with Casellato in a welter eight.

▶ At **Rovigo,** the Spanish welter, Kid Daniel, made a good start by trimming Giuseppe Benini over six rounds. Daniel has joined an Italian stable.

▶ **Alicante,** Spain. Francisco Ortega lost his national middles title to Francisco Frances, who scored a points win over twelve rounds, while Jose Hernandez continued his comeback with a good win over Perez Artero in a lightie eight.

▶ At **Barcelona** there was a big benefit show for a former champ, Teodoro Murall. Many leading fighters boxed exhibitions and old Paolino, the original Basque Woodchopper, officiated as third man. A few days before, Francisco Carreno whipped Jose Sauret in a bantam eight and Lopez Durban decisioned the Canaries champion, Carpi, in a feathers eight.

▶ **Iseghem,** Belgium.—Bob Stevens scored a win here over Dutchman Nelis Oostrum in a middles ten and Eddy Kindermans won over Marcel Traen in a welter eight.

▶ At **Jemappes,** Juan Alvarez won his first title after many years of campaigning when he decisioned Jean Renard, a former champ, for the vacant Belgian feathers title. Alvarez came to Belgium as a child refugee from the Spanish Civil War. Richard Bouchez outfought veteran Gunter Hase of Germany in a middles ten and new welter hope Yves Cornez whipped Jean Hoeffler over eight.

▶ **Paris,** France.—Gilbert Chapron headlined at the Salle Wagram, stopping Bernard Queller in the fifth frame of a cruiser affair and Ahmed Sebane nodded Daniel Brunet in a welter ten.

At the Mutualite, Fernand Nollet narrowly outboxed and outsped Sauveur Benamou in a crackerjack lightie slam over ten rounds.

▶ At **Granville,** Pierre Rossi kept active by stopping Mouloudji Saket in the seventh of a bantam dispute.

▶ **Civitavecchia,** Italy.—Franco Scisciana and Remo Carati threw all their strength and stamina into their twelve-round clash for the vacant middles ittle and after a chaotic but vigorous battle, Scisciani was declared winner by a very narrow margin.

▶ In **Rome,** Promotor Zappulla staged a tremendous bantam clash between brilliant Ernesto Miranda and dour Robert Tartari of France. Punching with merciless precision, Miranda soon had his rival staggering hopelessly around the ring and the bout was stopped in the seventh. A minor sensation was scored by young Giuseppe Fanfoni, still unbeaten, when he narrowly outscored Sergio Milan, an expert feather, in eight rounds.

The opening rounds of an International welter tourney provided the support. Leo Potesil of Austria trounced Stefano Bellotti, Gheri Fretzghi of Ethiopia lost to tough Jean Pommier, Jacques Nervi licked Ali Bechir of Tunisia and Andre Scheppler of France bested Angelo Silo. All bouts were over eight rounds.

▶ **Paris.**—Aissa Hashas, El Jaguar to his fans, added the scalp of fading Carmelo Beraza to his collection, forcing the Spaniard to retire in round three of their lightweight clash. Rene Libeer nodded Louis Oberto in a flyweight ten and Albert Younsi shared honors with Christian Marchand in a bantam ten.

▶ Salle Wagram, formidable Marcel Pigou was taken the distance by Mahmoud le Noir, although he sent the African middle to the deck on two occasions. Michel Atlan laced Lionel Jahier in a bantam eight.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.**—Fred Galiana had Bobby Ros carried their feud another stage further when they clashed at the Sports Palace in a 12-round title slam. Galiana outfought, outboxed and generally won as he liked over a challenger who butted, held and frequently struck low. But at the end of the bout, referee Guerra announced a drawn verdict, which nearly set the place alight.

In the supporting bouts, Luis Folledo nodded Navarro Paredes over eight in a welter title-eliminator, Moktar Angheri outfumbled Fernand Morin of France in a lightie eight and brilliant Antonio Ramos whipped Paulino Cobos in a feathers six.

▶ **Las Palmas,** Spain.—Jose Ungidos, new welter champ, was beaten by local lad Lelo Suarez in a crude eight-rounder here. Ungidos finished the bout badly cut up.

▶ At Barcelona, Jose Merayo shaded Jean Biosca of France in a fast feathers shindy while Alayeto, Basque middle, won over Juan Ruiz.

▶ **Blois,** France.—Domingo Mena, a Spaniard, chiefly noted for staying power, was surprisingly knocked out in one round by Gilbert Chapron in a middles slam here. This is Mena's first kayo defeat.

▶ At **Bourges,** Ahmed Sebane won his first important victory by beating Gaston Mathieu in a welter ten.

▶ **St. Quentin.**—Wladis Kopec, blond Franco-Pole, flattened Willy Carmeliet in the fifth heat of a cruiser slam.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain.—At the Fiesta Alegre, flyweight champ Luis Gomez once more blotted his copybook by retiring without justification during the seventh round of his non-title fray with Raton Osuna. The Federation very sensibly deprived Gomez of his title and have suspended him indefinitely.

Another boxer was ruled out when Kid Marco was disqualified in the third heat of his welter clash with Bergentino Cunado for repeated fouls. Gorrono and Castellanos were in a feathers slam won by the former.

▶ **Rotterdam,** Holland.—Leen Jansen won handily over the French middle, Andre Oueille, in ten rounds at the Riviera Hall. Jansen, by the way, is not the Dutch cruiser champion, although he twice beat Schagen for that title. As he is only allowed one title, Leen decided to keep his middles bauble and is still competing as a middleweight. Nico Schoenmaker chilled Ladis Kalman of Hungary in the seventh stanza of a cruiser affair and Darius Dhlomo, the crooning clouter from South Africa,

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1959)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Inge Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Sante Amonti (I)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Mino Bozzano (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Stefan Redl (G)
5. Uli Ritter (G)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Rolf Peters (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Peter Mueller (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
7. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
8. Albert Westphal (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Maurice Auzel (F)
9. Ilkka Koski (FN)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Michel Diouf (F)	Diego Infantes (S)
10. Uli Nitzschke (G)	Paul Roux (F)	Franco Scisciani (I)	Luis Folledo (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Young Martin (S)
3. Fernand Nollet (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
4. Laouari Godih (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5. Guy Gracia (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Rene Libeer (F)
6. Aissa Hashas (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Kamara Diop (F)
7. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Andre Gasperini (F)
8. Manuel Sosa (F)	Rene Barriere (F)	Elysee Castre (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
9. Jean Sneyers (B)	Jules Touan (F)	Sugar Ray (H)	Giacomo Spano (I)
10. Conny Rudhoff (G)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Mario Sitri (I)	Salvatore Manca (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

trimmed Emil Koch of Germany in a middles six.

▶ **Stuttgart,** Germany.—A record attendance of over 7500 gave Willy Knoerzer's latest promotion a big-time atmosphere and fortunately the fighters rose to the occasion. Herr Knoerzer's star, Karl Mildenberger was blasted out of the picture by the burly and tough Helmut Ball.

In a final eliminator for the cruiser title, handsome Mildenberger, with his class and punch looked sure to whip club-fighter Ball, despite his experience in American rings. But after dumping Ball twice in the first round, Ball finished his man in round seven when he caught the Palatine with a cracking right. Down went Mildenberger, rose again, stopped another right, then a third. As he staggered to his feet at "9" the towel came out of his corner. Ball now goes on to challenge Schoeppner.

Rolf Peters, another Knoerzer protege, defeated Lon Perry of the U. S. Army in a middles eight and Erich Walter, 162, iced Ali Belkacem of Algeria in the second round after taking a count himself in the opening session.

Alfredo Wogrig, Italy, whipped Henny Van Berkum, 164, of Holland over six rounds, Harry Kurschat, 137, outfought Belgium's Roger Verhelst over eight and Joe Buck edged Si Mohamed, 129, in an unruly six-rounder. Klaus Winkler latest welter prospect, iced Karl Gerhes in one round.

▶ **Vienna,** Austria.—Jimmy Slade, 176, lost his second outing in the City of Waltzes, this time against Hugo Koehler, 171, who downed the American twice.

Another American, Bill Tate, who was previously beaten by Papp, won on this occasion over the very tough Gerhard Moll, 159, of Germany, in eight rounds. The Hungarian exile, Ladis Kalman, 162, decisioned Gerhard Stachowitz of Germany in six rounds.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Salle Wagram, champion Michel Diouf had an unpleasant surprise when he clashed with the Marseilles middles comer, Claude Negrel. Diouf got the verdict after ten close rounds.

Kamara "Bobby" Diop trounced Pierre Vetroff in a bantam ten and Jerome Adje whipped Georges Chabourine in a middles eight.

▶ **Courtrai,** Belgium.—Promising Carl van Neste, who has had quite a run of wins over modest opposition, continued by defeating Henri Cabelduc in a welter ten here. Veteran Michel Lapourielle, roly-poly French heavy, blasted out André Cottyn in four rounds.

At **Eugies,** Yves Cornez carried on with the good work by trimming Emile Vlaemynck in a welter eight.

▶ **Lyons,** France.—Tearaway René Barriere avenged a previous defeat by closely outscoring nimble Altidoro Polidori of Italy in a fast feathers ten.

At Rheims.—Paul Roux proved that he has some ability by copping a narrow decision over rugged Hugo Koehler of Austria in a robust cruiser ten.

On the same card, Karlheinz Rauen of Germany outfought Jean Allain in a welter eight.

▶ At **Marseilles,** European champion Gracieux Lamperti had his hands full against the erratic Ivory Coast feather, Jules Touan. Jules plugged away like fury for ten rounds and lost narrowly on points.

Hippolyte Annex, rising welter star, forced mediocre Jules Staccini to retire in round two and hard-hitting Antoine Martin flattened Luis Quintero, Spanish lightie, in round three.

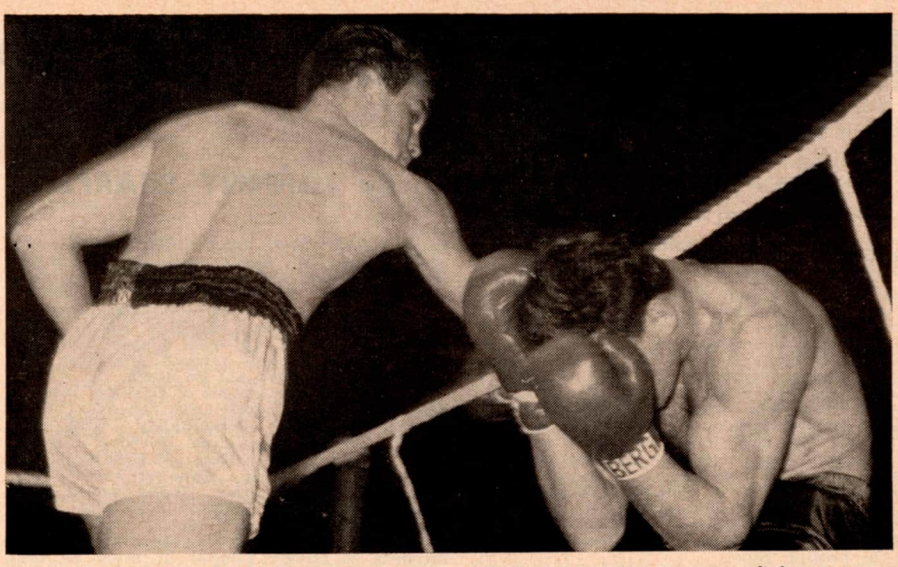
▶ **Brussels,** Belgium.—Louis van Hoeck demonstrated his staying power at the Sports Palace when he went the full ten rounds against Joe Rafiu King of Nigeria.

Jean Sneyers continued his comeback with a fifth round knockout of Cyprien Carrié of France, while Jef Janssens bulled out a decision over rugged Gerhard Moll, Germany, in a middles ten. Another German met with defeat when Ossi Buettner lost out to Alain Cherville in a heavyweight eight.

▶ **Cremona,** Italy.—A week after his surprise win over Sergio Milan, Giuseppe Fanfoni scored another victory, this time flattening Alfredo Beoni in thirty seconds. The ref had his suspicions and disqualified Beoni for a simulated k.o., but according to the press, it was a clean knockout.

▶ At **Brescia,** Luigi Gheda stopped Alviero Caini in the third heat of a cruiser slam. Gheda hails from the same town as Amonti and is touted as a future challenger.

▶ **Berlin,** Germany.—There is not much to tell about Scholz's latest fight in defense of his European and German middles titles.



Erich Schoppner (left) of Germany, successfully defended his European light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision of the dangerous and previously undefeated Sante Amonti of Italy at Dortmund, Germany.

His return match with Peter Mueller was one of those blitz affairs on the lines of the Carpentier-Beckett meetings. Mueller slung a fast right at Scholz's jaw during the first few seconds of the fight. Quick as a flash, Gus snapped a left hook to Mueller's chin that made his knees sag. Then Scholz vigorously smashed left after left to Mueller's chin until the Cologne veteran keeled over floorwards. He was up again at "8", copped the champ with a right to the chin, stopped a left hook, clamped Scholz's right arm under his armpit and again suffered four or five shattering left hooks. Thereupon a towel came fluttering from Mueller's corner and it was all over. Scholz goes on to dispose of Andre Drille and Papp, as best he may, while Mueller decides whether or not to continue boxing.

Dieter Wemhoener won at a canter over Erwin Hack and in another cruiser affair, Pekka Kokkonen of Finland encountered an old foe in the person of Mariano Echevarria. Kokkonen had already stopped the Spaniard in seven rounds, this time he forced the Don to surrender in three.

Orlando Paso, 160, from Nigeria, was unlucky to be declared loser against blond Horst Borzoskowski in a six-rounder while Robert Duquesne, 195, survived the distance of eight rounds against Uli Nitzschke, 201. Conny Rudhoff's opponent, Chato Ramos, was advertised as "Spain's new lightweight sensation." There's some mistake there, Chato has lost several bouts lately—the Ramos currently regarded as a sensation in Spain is Antonio, no relation, and he's a featherweight. After taking a few hard cuffs, Chato Ramos decided to surrender in the second round.

▶ **Copenhagen,** Denmark.—At the KB Hall, 5,000 spectators cheered Chris Christensen to victory over the German welter champ, Helmut Mistol, in a tough ten-rounder.

Egon Thomsen made an impressive showing against Rudolf Nehring of Germany in a tough cruiser six won deservedly by the Dane but Sander Bonde was rather lucky to get the nod over dangerous Jerome Licatesi of Italy in a lightie eight.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Salle Wagram, Maurice Auzel boxed brilliantly against Michel Francois, currently on a losing streak, and won their welter ten by a comfortable margin. Daniel Brunet trounced Fernand Morin in a lightie eight.

▶ At **Rennes.**—Marcel Seba upset Jacques Belon, unbeaten in 21 starts, by knocking him out in the second session of their middles encounter while.

▶ At **Bruay.**—Leon Cabaj trimmed Francois Delannoy in a heavyweight eight.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland.—At the Sports Pavilion, Franco Nenci of Italy was narrowly outpointed by the up-and-coming Tunisian welter, Guizani Rezgui, over ten rounds.

▶ **Nice, France.**—Manuel Sosa, contender for the French lightweight title, flattened Marcello Padovani of Italy in the opening round of their clash here. Padovani has announced his retirement from boxing.

▶ At **Calais.**—Elysee Castre came through with another excellent win, beating the Belgian veteran, Alex Bollaert in a hard bantam ten. Francois Delannoy had to retire in the sixth round of a winning fight against Rene Goubelle due to a cut eye.

▶ At **Chateauroux.**—Jean Guerard outfought the Italian flyweight, Giancarlo Montanari, over ten.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Elysee-Montmartre, Germinal Ballarin had a difficult trip against Horst Niche, Niche won the early rounds due to his speed but Ballarin caught up later to win a close decision over ten rounds.

Max Brianto stopped Michel Lapourielle in the seventh round of a heavies collision.

▶ At **Orleans.**—Jacky Chauveau defeated Belaid Meslem in a lightie ten.

▶ At **Lyons.**—Hefty Paul Schiller knocked out somebody called Tatra in the second heat of a heavies slam.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—Ziyaris Taki of Turkey made a good start for his second Spanish campaign by sharing the honors with Frank Garcia in a hard lightie ten.

▶ At **Madrid.**—Speedy Rafael Gayo, outboxed Jean Biesca of France in a feathers ten.

▶ **Rome.**—At the Palazzetto dello Sport, Manolo Garcia of Spain fought at his best to stop Charley Douglas of America in the eighth round of a lightie slam. Douglas never stopped trying but his right eye was completely closed when the bout was halted.

Giancarlo Garbelli returned to action with a knockout of Victoriano Olivares in the fourth round.

Adriano Amati defeated Jose Gonzalez, Spain, in a heavies maul marred by repeated fouls on the part of Gonzalez, who was incidentally the better boxer.

In the semi-finals of the welter tourney, Jacques Nervi scored a close win over Jean Pommier over eight rounds and Andre Scheppler, France, stopped Leo Potessil in the seventh.

▶ **Paris.**—A packed house at the Salle Wagram saw Aissa Hashas dispose of the German ex-champion, Manfred Neuke in the fourth round after taking two counts and a deal of punishment. Another surprise occurred when Mohamed Ould, feathers star, was stopped, also in the fateful seventh, by modest Rafael Diaz of Belgium.

▶ **Milan,** Italy.—After many delays, the proposed Loi-Visintin bout for the European welter title was replaced by Visintin versus Seraphin Ferrer, a dangerous match for Visintin. Ferrer proved far less dangerous than had been supposed. The Frenchman had his best days as a lightweight, recently he has been most erratic and against Visintin, his style showed only brief flashes of former brilliance. Visintin controlled the bout from first to last and won by a large margin.

Giulio Rinaldi, the blockbuster from Anzio, ran into a surprise packet when he swapped punches with Dieter Wemhoener, 172, of Germany who won a close decision over eight rounds.

Mario Sitri became the new Italian bantam champion by virtue of the disqualification of Federico Scarponi, who used his head as a third glove until the ref finally had enough in the eleventh round and ruled him out.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

EARLS COURT, LONDON . . . British Boxing was boosted "sky high" by the fastest all-hitting and most thrilling battle for The Empire and British Heavyweight Title I have seen here in Britain along with about 16,000 frenzied fight fans at this Harry Levene Promotion. . . . The credit goes out to Henry Cooper, Bellingham, British and Empire heavyweight champion, 188¾, and his challenger, ex-champion Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 192, who provided the thrills for almost twelve rounds without any prolonged clinches. The bout ended within 5 seconds of the twelfth with Referee Eugene Henderson of Scotland standing with outstretched arms denoting that he had stopped the bout, as Joe Erskine was on his way to the canvas. He was "Out to the World" as he crashed to the canvas with his head resting on the bottom rope.

I give full marks to Referee Henderson for his quick action in stopping the bout at that time, for it gave Erskine's seconds and the doctor in attendance ten needed seconds extra, to help get the beaten Welshman to recover and able to walk with rubbery legs to his corner.

In the first round, it looked as if we were in for "A FIASCO" for after a lively sixty seconds during which both tossed punches, Erskine slipped to the canvas, and on rising came forward to touch gloves with Cooper, who obviously understood the rules "that you only shake hands at the start of the first and at the beginning and end of the final round". Also in British Boxing Board of Control Rules, it definitely states "PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES".

Cooper took advantage of "The Rules" and shot one of his pet left hooks to the unprotected jaw of Erskine who was sent down with an awful thump. He was up at the count of three. It was a revelation that he was able to rise and continue to try and outbox the taller Cooper. Bobbing and weaving with his light tapping left leads and over hand rights he opened a cut over Cooper's left eye, and at the gong with the frenzied fans yelling their heads off, Erskine tottered to his corner while Cooper looked like an Indian from the claret flowing from the cut.

Coming out for the second round, the Welshman had fully recovered, and Cooper's trainer Danny Holland did a creditable job in stopping the flow of blood from Cooper's injury. The now encouraged Welshman from "Cardiff's TIGER BAY" took the fight to Cooper, showering him with light lefts and rights to the head only to be met with a solid left that brought the blood from Erskine's nose. Excitement ran high, with neither giving an inch, and even the ardent old timers who have written many a fight story who sat in the press seats, were swaying this way and that with the punches that were being thrown. Erskine had by now recovered his first round shock and continued to outsmart Cooper with his fast moving left and rights. Although these punches did not carry steam, they were tantalizing and point scoring, but the heavy punching of Cooper had the Welshman's face showing the worse for wear. As the bell went for the end of round five, they were battling away in Cooper's corner, and Erskine dropped his hands only to be hit with a very hard left hook, and as he was relaxed, his legs went rubbery, but he did not go down.

Benny Jacobs, manager of Erskine, jumped into the ring and excitingly ran over to the referee shouting "Disqualify Him—Disqualify Him, He has done it twice". Meanwhile Trainer Archie Rule led Erskine to his corner to revive him. Manager Jacobs protests were of no avail. What would have been the result if Erskine had gone down and not been able to continue, can only be answered by Referee Henderson, BUT in fairness to Henry Cooper, it must be said that the blow was on its way as the bell sounded during the exciting melee in his corner.

The crowd booed and cheered, and this may easily have been the turning point of the contest, for after that incident, Cooper seemed to get stronger while Erskine looked the worse for wear. As the bout continued Cooper kept finding his target more easily to hit and Erskine by the time the tenth round ended, was definitely on the losing end.

In the sensational TWELFTH, a left hook caught Erskine high up on the head, and as he dropped his arms, another solid left hook followed by a rain of blows felled the game Welshman to the canvas for a count of "seven".

The end was now in sight, for Cooper, sensing that he had his man beaten, gave all he had. Another of Cooper's pet hooks brought Erskine down again for "seven". The final blow came after a flurry of punches, a left hook put Erskine down on the bottom rope.

When the British Boxing Board of Control gave permission that this bout would be recognized as THE FINAL ELIMINATOR FOR "THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE", I for one thought that there are others that have a better right in AMERICA. BUT now I am certain, that if Ingemar Johansson is still champion after he meets Floyd Patterson in their return he will find Henry COOPER a much improved fighter than the one he knocked out in five rounds in Finland and an excellent opponent. Both Harry Levene and Jack Solomons are hot after such contest.

EMPIRE POOL . . . WEMBLEY . . . Promoter Jack Solomons was rewarded with a sell out when he staged two championships on one card, with supporting bouts between up and coming youngsters. . . . For "Guts-Pluck & Determination" one will have to look far to equal that of Terry Downes, Paddington, in his quest to regain the British middleweight title, against John "Cowboy" McCormack of Glasgow. . . . In their previous combat, McCormack was awarded the decision and title when the dashing-crashing and all action Downes had put the game Scot on the canvas for no less than "TEN" counts before he was disqualified for low deliveries, after having been warned several times by the referee. . . . On this occasion Downes started off cautiously and received severe punishment before he came to life. . . . His left eye closed, a two inch gash on his nose, he stormed after McCormack from the fifth round to administer knockdown after knockdown when the tiring Scot had almost sold himself out trying to knock out the Rock of Paddington Green. . . . The game Scottish "Southpaw" had held on to his title for 50 days, and in losing to Downes, he was not disgraced, for he showed more fighting ability in this bout, than he showed in their previous contest. . . . BUT, without stamina and a weakness against body attacks, he was outpunched by the crashing, always going forward Terry Downes with his left eye closed and a deep gash on the nose. . . . At times, Downes could not see his taller opponent for his face was covered by the crimson red blood that flowed from his cuts, but when he saw that McCormack was withering under his body blows, Downes put on the pressure, scoring five knockdowns and beaten beyond doubt, referee Andy Smythe of Belfast intervened to save the game Scot from further punishment. . . . The bout ended in two mins. 50 secs. of the eighth in one of the most exciting and punishable battles between middleweights. . . . Downes weighed 158¾ to 160 of McCormack. . . . This contest can be described in just a few lines by saying that Terry Downes regained his title by outgaming a gallant Scot.

Cheers galore from the large crowd for the little fighting Irishman from Belfast, Freddie Gilroy, 116½, who won the European bantamweight title from Piero Rollo, 116¼, after 15 rounds of non-stop fighting. . . . "Southpaw" Gilroy, soon went into the attack with his two handed barrage body blows, only to be met by another willing of the same calibre and the crowd sat back to witness a thrilling 15 rounder that ended with the twenty-three year old Irish lad adding the European title to his collection of British Empire championships. . . . It was amazing to witness the pace set by the deceptive looking Irish lad, who round after round took the initiative against the Italian holder of the European title.

Both Gilroy and Rollo took no defensive measures, but threw punch after punch to each other's head and body, and with Gilroy always having the inside position scored more effectively, taking many of the Italian's blows on the elbow. They continued for the whole of the 45 minutes at this remarkable speed to the encouragement of the excited fans.

The fifteenth and last round saw these two gamecocks touch hands in the center of the ring and continue their battle. Rollo tried desperately to land a haymaker on Gilroy, but the dour little Irishman from Belfast met him half way, slam banging his way to victory, having the best of the affray towards the end of the round amid the frantic cheering of the crowd.

Brian Curvis, Swansea, 144, won his eighth straight since joining the paid ranks with the best win of his short career. After outclassing Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147, for seven rounds with a knockdown to his credit, and also cutting Richardson's eye, Referee Jack Hart stopped the bout at the end of the round in favor of Curvis.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 144½, was too aggressive for ex-amateur champion Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 145¼, and after a gruelling bout over eight rounds, St. Louis was a clear winner. . . . Bobby Kane, Greenock, 138¼, was too good for Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 138½, and gained a easy points win in six. . . . Gerry McNally, Liverpool, formerly of Belfast, 175, stopped Tommy Gibbons, Hanwell, 176, in the fifth, when the latter received a badly cut left eye.

CARDIFF . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 137, outpointed Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 136, in a hard fought eight. . . . Phil Jones, Cardiff, 127½, made it eighteen wins to his credit when he narrowly outpointed Billy Skelly, Belfast, 126, in eight. . . . Tanas Lambri-

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To December 21, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Johnny Halifihi (Tonga.)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Yama Bahama (B)	Philemon Tshabalala (SA)
3. Brian London (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Arthur Howard (E)	Terry Downes (E)	Johnny v. Rensberg (SA)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. Dick Richardson (W)	Harry Dodoo (G)	Phil Edwards (W)	Willie Toweel (SA)
7. Dave Rent (E)	Ron Redrup (E)	John McCormack (S)	Mike Leahy (I)
8. Joey Armstrong (G)	Billy Smith (E)	Harry Speedie (SA)	Gerald Gray (J)
9. Mose Verasikete (Fiji)	Eddie Wright (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Albert Carroll (E)
10. Sakivsa Cawaru (Fiji)	Johnny Cole (E)	Billy Lotter (SA)	Billy Todd (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	John Caldwell (I)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Percy Lewis (T)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Rafiu King (N)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Billy Kelly (I)	Wally Taylor (A)	Len Reece (W)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. Jackie Hayden (C)	Floyd Robertson (G)	George Bowes (E)	Frank Jones (S)
6. George Bracken (A)	Bobby Neill (S)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Pancho Bhatachaji (India)
7. Barney Beale (E)	John O'Brien (S)	Dick White (A)	Little Joe (G)
8. Peter Heath (E)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Roy Beaman (E)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
9. "Spike" McCormk. (I)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Derry Treanor (I)	John Mtimkulu (SA)
10. Dave Stone (E)	Terry Spinks (E)	Bernie Taylor (SA)	Pat Glancy (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

anides, Greece, 148½, stopped Tony Valedy, Shepherds Bush, 148½, in the fourth. . . . Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 116, stopped Terry Crimmings, Cardiff, 119, in the second, when the maanger of Crimmings would not let him come out for the next round, because of a very badly damaged eye. . . . Johnny Thomas, Cardiff, 119½, stopped Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 130, in the second, when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Making his first appearance as a professional, Peter Delbridge, Pyle, 127, was put on the canvas in the first round for a count of "eight", he rose to gain a clever points win over Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, 127, in six.

GLASGOW . . . Sammy Docherty, for some years the leading boxing promoter of Scotland, staged his last promotion with great success, and that was on behalf of the dependents of a local mine disaster. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, outpointed Len "Luggie" Reece, Cardiff, in the final eliminator for the right to meet Freddie Gilroy of Belfast, for the latter's European-Empire & British titles, in twelve rounds of busy box-fighting. . . . The Scot with his rugged methods took the taller Welshman out of his stride by continued attacks. . . . When Johnny Caldwell, the little Belfast flyweight, 112½, outpointed Salvatore Manca, Italy, 111¾, about a month back, many thought that the Irishman was a trifle lucky, and on the return, Caldwell made the issue beyond all doubt, for he outclassed Manca so thoroughly that the referee was forced to intervene during the sixth, to save the Italian from taking unnecessary punishment. . . . Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 126¾, now domiciled in Belfast, showed good form in outpointing Pentti Rautiainen, Finland, 128, in eight interesting rounds. Robertson could go to the top of the featherweight table, if given the chance, for he is a capable boxer with heavy punching power in both hands. Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 146, outpointed hard hitting Tommy Tagoe, Nigeria, 146½, in eight. . . . Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 118¼, Scottish Bantam Champion, outpointed Peter Lavery, Belfast, 118¼, in eight.

LOUGHBOROUGH . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 129½, gained a hard fought points win at the expense of Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 129, in eight. . . . Tommy Tiger, Nigeria, 134, and Roy Smith, Nottingham, 137, drew in an exciting six. . . . Moshood Balogun, Nigeria, 106, outpointed Richard North, Nottingham, 159, in six. . . . Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, 143, gained a clear points win over Brian Hunt, Retford, 147, in six. . . . Len Edmunds, Nottingham, 129, outpointed Johnny Lloyd, Worcester, 136, in six.

WALSALL . . . Terry Edwards, Smethwick, 137, boxed well to outpoint Stan Bishop, Kidderminster, 134¾, in six. . . . Ron Gray, Walsall, 164, outpointed Freddie Kaye, York, 618, in six. . . . Derek Kilburn, Willenhall, 171, made a successful professional debut with a points win over Bill Morgan, Walsall, 167, in six. . . . Stan Regan, Leamington, 117, outpointed Dennis Edwards, Old Colwyn, 116, in six. . . . Ted Buck, Coventry, 164, outpointed Jimmy Blanche, Nottingham, in a hard hitting six.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . . A record of "Nobbins" thrown into the ring £91. (approx. $260) to be shared by the two boxers, Alan Peacock, Hull, 174, and Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 171¼, who thrilled the members with a toe to toe battle, that brought ardent fight fans to their feet with their gruelling all action efforts to annihilate each other with boxing gloves in eight rounds of what is called boxing or fighting. . . . Referee Pat Floyd had no doubt on his card that Peacock was a clear points winner.

George Dormer, West Ham, 127¼, won narrowly on points against Robbie Wilson, Dagenham, 128, in eight. . . . Another close bout was that between Frank Boyle, Nigeria, 144, and Billy Goodwin, Bermondsey, 144¾, who fought a hard fought six, with Boyle receiving a points decision. . . . Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 160½, defeated Steve Heggerty, Bristol, 161½, in the second, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. . . . Erroll Flynn, Cardiff, 111, outpointed Dale Board, Taunton, 116, in six.

DERBY . . . Jackie Bowers, Canning Town, 124½, gained a hard earned points win over Gerry Parker, Beeston, 122, in eight. . . . Chris Elliott, Leicester, 128½, stopped Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 131½, in the third, when the referee intervened. . . . Barrie Angie, Derby, 112, stopped Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 120, in the third on the intervention of the referee, as the latter was outclassed. . . . Spud Murphy, Beeston, 132, knocked out Johnny Handford, Derby, 131¼, in the fourth. . . . Mick Power, Nottingham, 149, knocked out Brian Paxford, Wigan, 144½, in the fourth.

WEMBLEY . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 125¾, was a clear winner over Hugh O'Neill, Bermondsey, 126, who could not cope with the non-stop attacks of The Sheffield Blade, in eight interesting rounds. . . . Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 162, confirmed a previous points win over Al Bereti, Seven Dials, 163, but on this occasion, Bereti was sensationally knocked out in the fifth. . . . James Barlow, South Africa, 118, outpointed Dave Johnson, Hendon, 118, in six. . . . Brian Whiting, Lewisham, 175½, outpointed Freddie Clapton, Finsbury Park, 176, in a hard fought six. . . . Wally Bell, Brentford, 112¼, outpointed Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 115, in six. . . . Len Crawley, Bermondsey, 128, outpointed Russ Wadham, Deal, 128½, in six.

MIDDLESBOROUGH . . . When Referee Jim Folland raised the hand of George Bowes, Hesleden, 119, as the winner over Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 119¾, at the end of their eight round contest, a loud booing greeted the verdict. . . . In this battle of wits, Amarifio made Bowes lead on to his countering punches which the former scored to effect, and The Northerner was made to miss with his deadly right, on many attempts. . . . Allan Pompey, Trinidad, 212, outpunched Sita Kivalu, Tonga, 199, for four rounds before the referee intervened to save Kivalu from further punishment. . . . Maurice Cullen, Shotton, 134 boxed with rare judgment to outscore Ricky McMasters, Trinidad, 136, in six. . . . Freddie White, Middlesborough, 117, stopped Billy Knight, North Shields, 112, in the third. . . . Jack Noble, Blackhall, 112, outpointed Edwin Cookson, Stockton, 114, in six.

MAX BAER

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For all of his adult years the six feet three inches, 220 pound Maximilian Adelbert Baer had been a figure of some controversy.

On the one side, a party boy without a serious bone in his body and on the other, the facet that grew out of a German - Scotch - Jewish background. This was Baer the business man.

Perhaps he was free with his money before he met and married Mary Ellen Sullivan, who is credited with straightening out the play boy and helping him save toward an annuity that was to insure his future. Perhaps he was free and easy with his dough but you can't prove it by the business men who bought pieces of Maxie which, when totaled, added up to 125% of himself. If he wasn't shrewd he was awfully close.

Mary Ellen was a determined woman and Baer's love for her made of him a devoted husband and father of three children.

Maxie, on his last visit to New York, was his own salesman of the good life.

How was life treating him?

"No kick coming," he patted his svelt waistline. *"Feel swell, and I've got an annuity that will take care of us the rest of our lives regardless of any of my other enterprises."*

Seeing Max reminded us of some of the highspots in his career. Like his being labeled by many as a quitter when he lost to Joe Louis by allowing himself to be counted out while on one knee in the fourth round.

Many stories circulated after that Yankee Stadium affair. One was that Max had broken some bones in his right hand in training and rather than hurt the gate, had gone through with the match. The story ran that he received a shot of novocaine to numb the injury but the shot was given too high and his entire arm had been numbed.

Knowing this, it was maintained, Max stayed in with Louis until he knew he was defenseless and could see no sense in being beaten to a pulp. This was one version. There were others.

When approached for his side of that one Baer quipped:

"If they want to see the execution of Max Baer it'll cost them more than $50.00 a seat."

Max never alibied the Louis fiasco. He gave big promise but was also one of the ring's biggest disappointments.

We can't help but feel that if Max had a weak heart he didn't place it on exhibit the night he banged Carnera to the canvas twelve times before Arthur Donovan, refereeing the contest, halted the bout in the eleventh round.

On the same side of the ledger, many forget that Baer took on Max Schmeling and beat his brains out back in 1933 almost three years before Joe Louis was kayoed by the German and close to five years before the Brown Bomber managed to anihilate Schmeling on his own account in a one round kayo. Schmeling had aged five years before Louis did the job.

There are those who are sure that Baer had everything but the will but I can't help feeling that when Maxie killed Campbell, something was lost in the man and he used the defense of being a play boy, a happy-go-lucky screwball, who never grew up, to cover.

Our last words with Baer were on his opinion of modern fighters and who looked like the most likely of the active contenders.

"I'll tell you sport," said Maxie, *"the present group for the most part aren't fighters, they're bankers—they worry more about what they will get paid for television than for fighting."*

Who would have a chance with Johansson? The answer came fast.

"Sonny Liston looks like the best all-around guy around."

I'll remember Baer for his fight with Galento, a fight that appealed to me. As all of Maxie's fights this one was like a modern TV script. Tony was reputed to have sneered at Max *"I'm gonna knock ya brains out ya bum!"*

And Baer's quick rejoinder that had them in the aisles:

"In your hat, fatso!"

It took Maxie eight rounds of a slaughter house type of fight before Tony had to quit. He'd been pulverized. Heart? Baer had sufficient for two men that night.

I'll remember Baer for his self analysis:

"Sure I like to clown. I'm a ham at heart, life's a serious business, why not lighten it up a bit?"

Maximilian Adelbert Baer did just that.

TV & BOXING

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	Gross Receipts	TV-Radio Revenue
Brown-Busso	$61,155	$40,000
D. Moore-Bassey (1st)	65,607	40,000
Jordan-Akins	53,960	35,000
Patterson-London .	122,800	200,000
Brown-Rosi	38,769	40,000
Becerra-Halimi ..	151,110	35,000
Jordan-Moyer ...	44,390	35,000
Moore-Durelle ..	140,519	108,000
D. Moore-Bassey (2nd)	48,163	40,000
Fullmer-Basilio ..	122,380	175,000
Brown-Chaunley .	32,720	40,000
Fullmer-Webb ..	92,725	100,000

THE MAT WORLD

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U. S. Army. Swiderski, son of ex-fighter Paul Swiderski and nephew of promoter Malcewicz, has a real winning hold in his dreaded running bulldog headlock, a hold made famous by the famed Billy Hansen, now retired.

"Strutting" Gene DuBuque, the wild and ready for action New Yorker who delights in taking the scalps of his weary opponents, has returned to the west coast after a brief vacation in sunny Hawaii. Always colorful, DuBuque is one very interesting individual. He's interesting to talk to, and to watch in action. Now a big western USA box office attraction, Gene DuBuque can write his own ticket in any wrestling territory.

WRESTLING ACTION
By Earle Yetter

As the new year wends its way toward many surprises in the sport of wrestling, it seems appropriate at this time to review some of the activity of the past year. Wrestling has held its own with new and spectacular triumphs from coast to coast.

In the East, Promoter Pedro Martinez, with headquarters in Buffalo, N. Y. did an outstanding job in publicizing his wrestling domains in New York and Ohio State. He took the rubber bands from his bulky wallet and brought the shining stars of the mat firamement to Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Olean and other spots in New York State. In Ohio, he had capacity houses at Cleveland and introduced wrestling via television into Ohio cities such as Ashtabula, Canton, Dover, Elyria, Fremont, Lorain, Mansfield, Sandusky, Toledo and Youngstown with resounding success, to achieve one of the best seasons of his career.

The 20th Annual Parade of Champions presentation saw the fourth largest attendance to ever witness this wrestling extravaganza when 11,885 fans saw a seven bout card headed by World Champion Pat O'Connor who kept his crown intact when Fritz von Erich was disqualified for applying his "Claw Hold" outside the ropes on the ring apron and refused to release the hold.

However, Fritz von Erich was established as an outstanding villain of the season, but it remained for Ilio Di Paolo to steal some of his thunder when he handed Von Erich his first Buffalo loss. Then Han Schmidt and Fritz von Erich teamed up to battle the Miller Brothers, Ed and Dan, while Billy (Red) Lyons, Toronto husky, proved to be a sensation when he established a new all-time record for a pin fall in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium when he toppled 340 pound Roy Campbell of Detroit with dropkicks and a press in 8 seconds flat, to become an overnight star. Among other leading wrestlers who appeared in Buffalo during the past season were Bobo Brazil, considered the Negro Heavyweight King, Lee Henning, The Man Of the 1,000 Faces, Sandor Kovacs.

In Cleveland, Ohio, Lord Athol Layton has been the drawing card for capacity crowds in that city's auditorium. In a double role as commentator for television and live studio bouts, and as a wrestler.

In Buffalo, N. Y., the Wrestler of the Year was the fiery Italian gladiator Ilio Di Paolo. Undefeated since returning to the East, Ilio handed Fritz von Erich his first defeat. . . The Best Gate of the Year . . . The 20th Annual Parade of Champions which drew 11,885 in a spectacular Wrestling Extravaganza of seven bouts, featuring World Champion Pat O'Connor and Fritz von Erich.

IN CANADA

In Canada, Whipper Billy Watson remains as an outstanding attraction throughout the Ontario provinces and at this writing has held onto his crown as British Empire Champion. His series of bouts with Gene Kiniski and Don Leo Jonathan have been Canadian mat epics and this ever popular gladiator who is heading toward twenty years of mat endeavor is just as popular with the crowd as he ever was.

When the rampaging Gene Kiniski sought to take away his British Empire Crown in a Niagara Falls bout, a special section was roped off outside the ring and the two grapplers were allowed to battle in an all out struggle for supremacy. It was to be a batte to the finish. No falls were counted and the match was to continue until one opponent could not respond. Gene Kiniski was a terror that night as he came up with vicious knee drops to the throat . . . but wily Whipper Watson was biding his time to strike at the proper moment. True, he took brutal punishment from the Edminton grappler and former gridiron star. Watson had succumbed to two falls, but they did not count as the battle was to continue until either one of the grapplers was unable to defend himself. The referee Bert Maxwell was not to interfere with the bout unless he was forced to break illegal holds. In the third fall, Kiniski unleashed a sadistic attack upon Watson. He used kicks, hair-pulls and almost every trick in the book as he sought to gain the British Empire Championship. However, Watson had been in such battles before even during his reign as World Heavyweight Champion. When Kiniski left an opening in center ring, Watson struck with the ferociousness of a cobra, clamped on his dread "Sleeper Hold" and Kiniski was out for three minutes. Watson helped to bring Kiniski back to consciousness and then Kiniski started to attack Watson once more. Watson clamped on the "sleeper" again, threw Kiniski to the mat and left the ring, leaving the hapless Gene to revive himself.

Don Leo Jonathan and Gene Kiniski currently are the Canadian Open Tag Team Champions. This championship has changed hands often in the past year, but it looks as though Jonathan and Kiniski will hang onto the title for some time to come. However, with the return of the Karol and Ivan Kalmikoff Duo to the Canadian circuit, it may mean that the ruthless Russians have moved in to take over the tag team title.

The writer can be contacted at 138 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo 20, N. Y. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to all admirers of this column.

NEWS AND VIEWS
By Don Jordan

Johnny Valentine and Jerry Graham, who won the U. S. Heavy Tag Title against Mark Lewin and Don Beitelman in mid-November at West Hempstead, N. Y. before 4500 fans, will make a tour of Europe and Australia in January.

Italy, holds two world's weightlifting records; the deep knee bend (750) and the bench press (550). Ricki Starr says that Samartino has the best physique of any wrestler that he has seen, including Rocca and Dick Afflis. Samartino, who weighed ony 110 pounds at age 16, now weighs in at 265. Bruno, who is being billed as the world's strongest wrestler, has a 58″ chest, 34″ wait, 22″ biceps, 16″ forearms, 22″ neck, and 30″ thighs.

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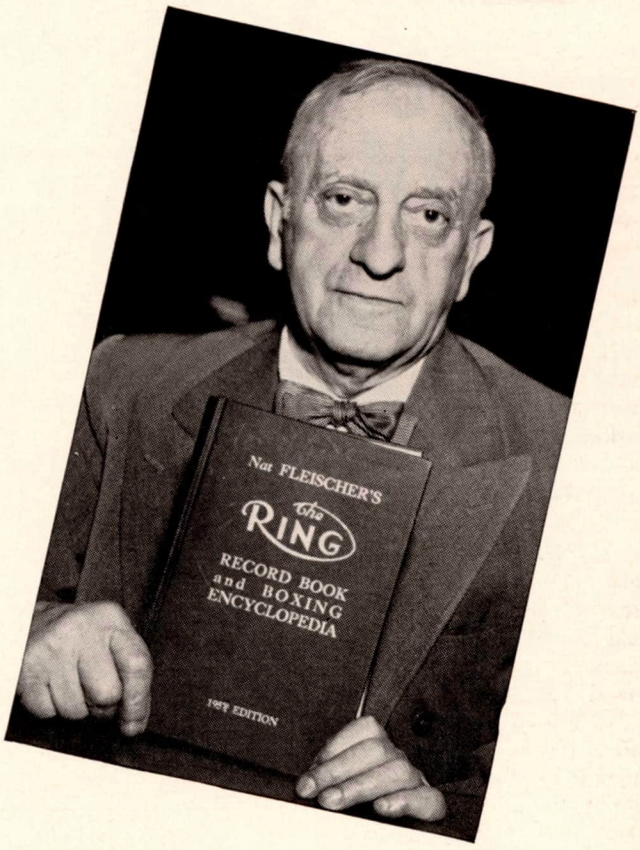

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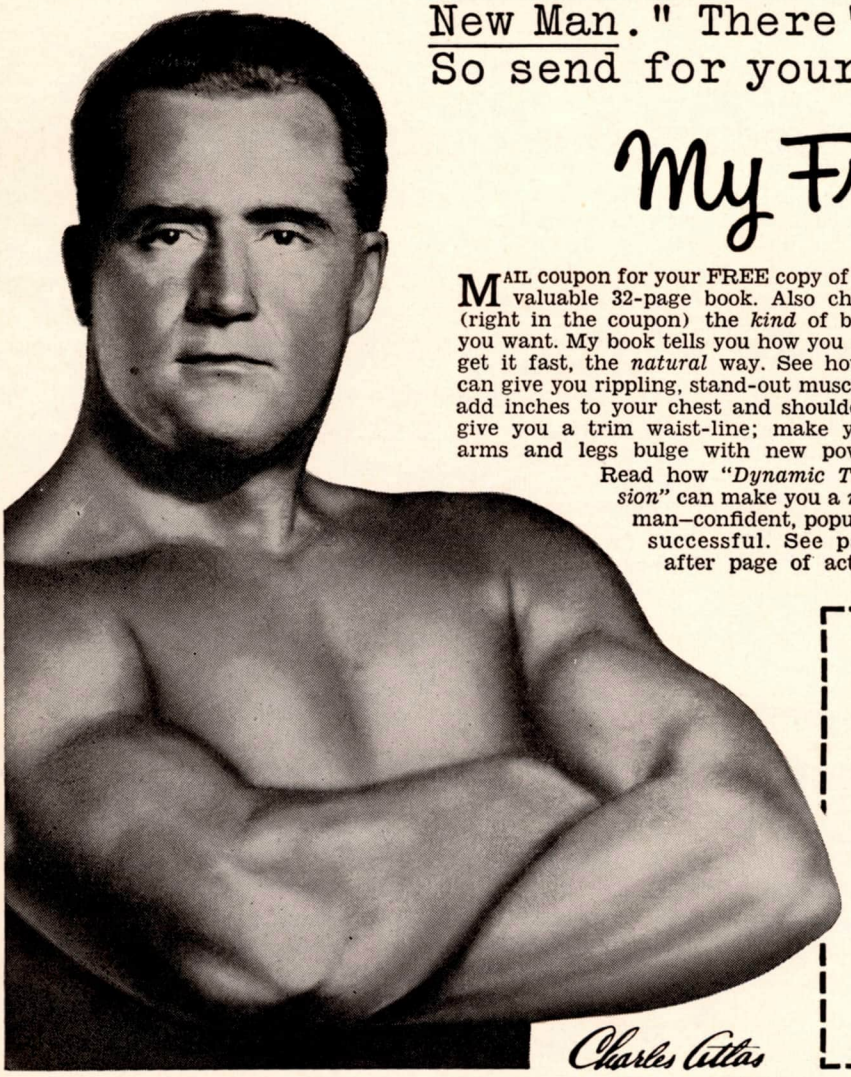

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